

# Vanuatu Second National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships, 2024



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## Vanuatu Women's Centre Song: Igud Yumi Wok Tugeta

*Igud yumi wok tugeta blong stopem vaelens  
Stopem faet, stopem rep, stopem incest  
Blong ino kam antap long kaontri ia Vanuatu  
Helpem mi, mi helpem yu  
Yumi stopem problem ia.*

*Oh plis, harem krae blong mama  
Stopem vaelens oltaem mama ikrae  
Oltaem mama isafa  
Plis stop, plis stop  
Plis stopem vaelens*

This song was composed by participants in the first domestic violence workshop held by the Vanuatu Women's Centre in 1993 in Port Vila (VWC 2022: 94).

**Please note: this report may be confronting or distressing for some readers**

**This report includes data and case studies of different types of violence against women and girls.**

**Please contact the Vanuatu Women's Centre, its provincial branches or CAVAWs if you would like to talk about your own or others' experiences of violence against women and children. See the contact details on the back cover of this report.**

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## Acronyms

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| AI                 | artificial intelligence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CAPI               | Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) Survey Solutions software for Android devices used for electronic data collection during fieldwork                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| CAVAW(s)           | Committee(s) against violence against women (VWC's rural volunteer network of women in every province)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| CEDAW              | Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| CRC                | Convention on the Rights of the Child                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| CRPD               | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DV                 | domestic violence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| EA                 | enumeration area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| EVAW/EVAWG         | elimination of violence against women/ elimination of violence against women and girls                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| FPA                | Family Protection Act                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| FPO                | Family Protection Order                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| FWRM               | Fiji Women's Rights Movement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| GBV                | gender based violence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| HH                 | household                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| IFRC               | International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| IPV                | intimate partner violence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| KISH grid          | A method used to randomly select one eligible woman from each household for interview during the survey (named after Leslie Kish who developed the method in 1949)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| kNOwVAWdata        | know the data: end violence against women. This is an initiative by the UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to support and strengthen regional and national capacity to measure violence against women in Asia and the Pacific < <a href="https://asiapacific.unfpa.org/en/knowvawdata">https://asiapacific.unfpa.org/en/knowvawdata</a> > |
| PCA                | principal component analysis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| SES                | socio-economic status                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SOPs               | standard operating procedures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| TFA                | technology facilitated abuse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| UN                 | United Nations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| UNFPA/APRO         | United Nations Population Fund/Asia Pacific Regional Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| VAW                | violence against women                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| VAWC               | violence against women and children                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| VAWG               | violence against women and girls                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| VBoS               | Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics (formerly known as VNSO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| VNSO               | Vanuatu National Statistics Office (now Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| VPF                | Vanuatu Police Force                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>VWC</b>         | <b>Vanuatu Women's Centre</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>VWC Network</b> | <b>The Vanuatu Women's Centre, its 5 provincial branches (Torba Counselling Centre, Sanma Counselling Centre, Penama Counselling Centre, Malampa Counselling Centre, and Tafea Counselling Centre), CAVAWs, and trained male advocates working throughout rural areas in every province.</b>                                                                                                                |
| WHO                | World Health Organisation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| WG                 | Washington Group, refers to the Washington Group on Disability Statistics which developed questions on functional disability, used an international standard measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |







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# Executive Summary: Vanuatu Second National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships, 2024

## Introduction

Fifteen years after the first landmark study in 2009, the Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC), in partnership with the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics (VBoS), has completed the Second National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships. The 2024 survey provides a comprehensive, nationally representative dataset on the experiences of women and girls across Vanuatu's six provinces and two urban centres.

In addition to updating the data on women who experienced physical or sexual assault, the 2024 survey reveals the complex dynamics of coercive control, emotional abuse, financial violence, and the emerging threats of technology-facilitated abuse. It also sheds light on the intersection of violence with natural disasters, a critical area of enquiry for our climate-vulnerable nation.

The findings presented here are not just statistics. They represent the voices of 2,769 women who shared their stories, often for the first time. **These women want to be heard: our hope is that community and national leaders will listen to their experiences, and take action to stop the violence now**, for the sake of future generations of ni-Vanuatu women, children and men.

## Summary of the methodology

The 2024 study replicates the rigorous methodology of the 2009 study, which was adapted from the World Health Organisation (WHO) multi-country approach. Several further adaptations were made to the survey questionnaire to incorporate international updates to the WHO survey tool, and emerging issues identified in VWC's counselling and community education work in Vanuatu.

The survey objective is to provide updated data on the prevalence of violence against women in Vanuatu today. This includes:

- **intimate partner violence** (also referred to as partner violence, meaning any act of violence or abuse perpetrated by a husband or partner); and
- **non-partner violence** (committed by someone other than a husband or partner), both since age 15 and below the age of 15.

Updated data is also provided on women's attitudes to violence against women by husbands and partners, the health and other impacts of violence against women, risk and protective factors, the impacts of partner violence on children, and the current coping strategies of women living with intimate partner violence.

**Intimate partner:** a current or former husband, or other male intimate partner with whom a woman has a relationship without being married. Nearly all (92%) of women in the survey had a current or former partner or husband. This includes boyfriends if they have been intimate (had a sexual relationship).

**Non-partner:** anybody who is not a current or former husband/partner, including male and female family members and relatives, friends, acquaintances and strangers.

**Ever-partnered women:** women who have an intimate partner or husband currently, or who had one in the past.

**Lifetime prevalence:** the percentage of women who have ever experienced each type of violence.

**Current prevalence:** the percentage of women who have experienced each type of violence in the last 12 months before the survey.

Behavioural definitions are used for each type of partner and non-partner violence, focused on specific acts of violence used in international measurements of prevalence, with some adaptations for the Vanuatu context. Two key prevalence measures are used: **lifetime prevalence and current prevalence** (in the last 12 months of the survey). For intimate partner violence, only ever-partnered women are considered to be potentially at risk, and prevalence rates are expressed as the percentage of **ever-partnered women**. For non-partner violence, prevalence is expressed as the percentage of all women.

The sample design was developed by VBoS with technical assistance from kNowVAWdata (an initiative to support and strengthen capacity to measure violence against women). The sample was designed to be both nationally representative, and to provide reliable rates of provincial and urban prevalence. The sample design used a multi-stage, stratified, random sample of households from 214 enumeration areas across all provinces and Vanuatu's two urban areas. One woman in the eligible age group of 15-64 was randomly selected from each household. In total, 3,553 households were sampled, with 3,159 household interviews completed; 2,868 of these households had eligible women, and 2,769 did the individual women's questionnaire.

Data collection was undertaken on VBoS android tablets from mid-May to mid-August 2024, by 8 fieldwork teams, each of which included one team supervisor and 4 to 6 interviewers. Fieldwork team members were trained over 5 weeks in April/May 2024, with ongoing mentoring in the field, as well as monitoring and supervision from Port Vila by 3 VBoS-trained data checkers and the VWC Research Officer. Extensive quality control measures as recommended by the WHO methodology and VBoS were in place, including full checking of every questionnaire in the field and at Port Vila by the data checkers before uploading to the database. Ethical and safety protocols were a key part of the training, including confidentiality for all survey respondents.

Data analysis was undertaken by experienced statisticians, with every data table checked multiple times. An interpretation workshop was held with VWC fieldwork supervisors, other key VWC staff and a VBoS representative in March 2025. The qualitative information and interpretations presented in this report are based on discussions and conclusions in the VWC interpretation workshop, and draw on VWC's extensive qualitative database from counselling and community education work.

## Findings from the 2024 survey

### Violence against women by husbands and partners (chapter 4)

More than half of all ever-partnered women (52%) have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. When we broaden the lens to include emotional abuse, coercive control, and financial violence, the picture is even more stark: more than 70% of women in Vanuatu were living with at least one form of intimate partner violence in the year preceding the survey. Coercive control – behaviours which monitor, isolate, and undermine women's autonomy – is the most prevalent form of abuse, affecting 73% of women in their lifetime and 59% in the last 12 months. These findings describe a bedrock of unequal gender relations where men exert power over women's movements, finances, and social interactions.

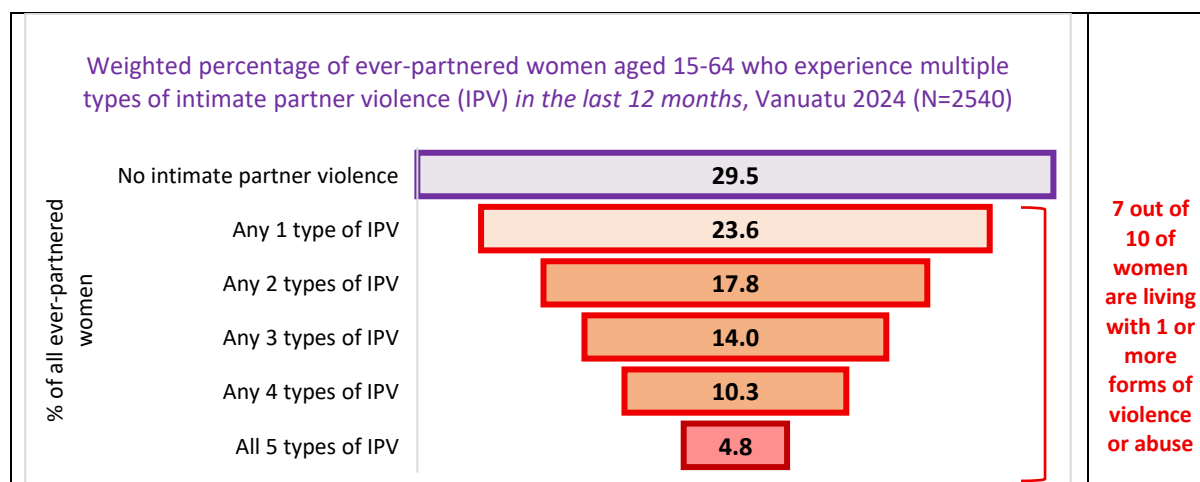
**Intimate partner violence begins very early.** Young women aged 15 to 19 are currently living with the highest rates of physical and sexual violence, often commencing at the very start of their relationships. While physical violence tends to decrease slightly as women age, emotional and financial abuse persist across the life cycle, trapping women in cycles of poverty and psychological distress well into their later years.

**Women living with the most severe disabilities** – who live with a lot of difficulty in daily functioning, or who have one or more life functions that they cannot perform at all – **are subjected to higher rates of most forms of intimate partner violence** than women who have no difficulty with daily functioning, or some difficulties. This is a very disturbing finding, given that the prevalence for women with the highest levels of disability is most likely to be under-estimated, due to inherent limitations in large population-based studies of this type.

Overall, 12% of women (more than 1 in 10 ever-partnered ever-pregnant women) have been **physically assaulted during pregnancy**; 41% of these women had been beaten or kicked in the abdomen. Prevalence of partner violence during pregnancy is higher in rural than urban areas, as it is for most forms of intimate partner violence.

| What do women experience in their lifetime?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | What are women experiencing now (last 12 months)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 7 in every 10 women (73%) experience some form of <b>coercive controlling behaviour</b> from husbands/partners</li> <li>• More than 6 in 10 women (64%) in Vanuatu experience <b>emotional abuse</b></li> <li>• 1 in 2 women are subjected to either <b>physical or sexual violence</b> or both (52%)</li> <li>• 1 in 3 women experience <b>financial violence</b> (33%) by husbands/partners</li> <li>• More than 8 in 10 women experience <b>at least one or more types of intimate partner violence</b> (86%) by a husband or partner</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Almost 6 out of 10 women (59%) experience some form of <b>coercive control</b>, and more than 3 in 10 are subjected to 3 or more forms of control (34%)</li> <li>• More than 4 in 10 women are experiencing <b>emotional abuse</b> in the last 12 months (44%)</li> <li>• 3 in 10 women are experiencing <b>physical or sexual violence</b> in the last 12 months (30%)</li> <li>• Almost 3 in 10 women are experiencing <b>financial violence</b> in the last 12 months (27%)</li> <li>• Overall, 7 in 10 women are subjected to <b>one or more forms of violence or abuse</b> (71%) by a husband or partner</li> </ul> |

Small gaps between lifetime and current rates suggest that women have few effective options to end the violence. It is also clear that **many women are living with multiple forms of violence from their husbands and partners**.



### New areas of enquiry: technology facilitated abuse and violence against women during disasters

Technology-facilitated abuse has emerged as a new form of coercive control perpetrated by husbands and partners. Currently, 14% of ever-partnered women are experiencing this abuse (more than 1 in 10), and 19% in their lifetime. The majority of these women are having their movements and communications monitored, and others are being coerced sexually. Notably, 70% of these women are being abused at home in Vanuatu; for the remaining 30%, the abuse is linked to labour mobility schemes occurring while their husbands/partners are working overseas.

The intersection of violence and natural disasters was also investigated for the first time in Vanuatu. Contrary to the assumption that disasters cause violence, the data suggests they act as an aggravating factor. Among women already living with violence, 67% experienced physical or sexual abuse during or immediately after a disaster. These women are forced to navigate the trauma of environmental catastrophe while simultaneously managing the threat of violence at home, often without access to support services which are disrupted during emergencies.

## Violence against women by non-partners (chapter 5)

Beyond the marital home, women and girls face significant risks from other family members and men in their community. The survey highlights a national crisis regarding the sexual abuse of children. Three in ten women (30%) reported being sexually abused before the age of 15. This figure has not improved since 2009. **These crimes are overwhelmingly committed by men known to the child – male family members, neighbours, and friends** – betraying the trust that children should be able to place in their families and communities.

| What do women experience in their lifetime since age 15, by non-partners?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | What are women over 15 experiencing now (last 12 months) by non-partners?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 3 in 10 women (35%) were <b>physically abused</b> since age 15</li> <li>• Since age 15, more than 2 in 10 women (21%) were <b>sexually abused</b>, including forced sex, attempted rape and unwanted sexual touching</li> <li>• More than 1 in 10 (12%) have been <b>raped</b></li> <li>• More than 1 in 10 women (12%) have been <b>sexually harassed</b></li> <li>• Almost 1 in 10 women (8%) have experienced <b>technology-facilitated sexual abuse</b></li> <li>• For 2 in 10 women (20%) their <b>first experience of sex was forced</b>, and a further 12% were coerced</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 1 in 10 women (11%) were <b>physically abused</b>, by someone other than their husband or intimate partner in the last 12 months</li> <li>• 3% of women over the age of 15 were <b>sexually abused in the last 12 months</b> by non-partners, and 2% were raped by non-partner</li> </ul> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | What happens to girls under 15 years?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 7 in 10 (72%) were either <b>physically or emotionally abused</b> as children under age 15 by family members</li> <li>• <b>3 in 10 girls (30%) were sexually abused</b> under age 15, including forced sex, attempted rape, and unwanted sexual touching</li> </ul>                       |

## Attitudes and perceptions about gender equality and intimate partner violence (chapter 6)

The survey underscores that violence has its roots in persistent gender norms and customs. While there have been minor positive shifts in attitudes in favour of women's and girls' rights, high numbers of women still agree with statements that justify men's control and use of violence. For example, 66% of women believe a man is justified in hitting his wife in certain circumstances, a figure that has marginally increased since 2009. Beliefs that a woman becomes a man's property upon payment of bride price, or that she must obey him, remain widespread and are statistically associated with higher risks of violence.

| Attitudes to gender equality: what percentage of women believe they have the same rights as men?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | What percentage of women believe that violence by a husband or partner is ever justified?                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than half (51%) believe that "a good wife should obey her husband, even if she disagrees"</li> <li>• Almost half (47%) think that a man should "show that he is the boss"</li> <li>• Most women (72%) believe that a woman or girl "should not touch food when she is menstruating"</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two in every three women (66%) agree</b> with one or more situations where a man has "a good reason" to hit his wife/partner</li> <li>• Almost half (46%) agree that a man has a "good reason" to hit his wife if "he finds out that she has been unfaithful"</li> </ul> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than half (57%) believe that “a wife becomes the property of her husband” if bride price has been paid</li> <li>• About 1 in 4 (25%) believe that “it is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage”</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 3 in 10 (35%) believe that a man is justified to hit his wife if “she disobeys him”</li> <li>• More than 1 in 4 (26%) think he has a “good reason” if “he thinks she needs to be disciplined, taught a lesson or educated”</li> <li>• About 1 in 4 (26%) believe that a man is justified to hit his wife “if bride price has been paid”</li> </ul> |
| <b>Attitudes to sexual and reproductive rights: can a woman refuse to have sex with her husband?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>What triggers physical violence by husbands and partners?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 2 in 10 women (22%) believe that “a married woman can refuse to have sex with her husband”, regardless of the reason</li> <li>• About 6 in 10 (63%) believe that a married women can refuse “if she does not want to” have sex</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 3 in 10 (33%) said there is “no particular reason” that leads to physical violence</li> <li>• 34% said that it tends to happen when he is drunk</li> <li>• 30% say it happens when “he is jealous of her”</li> </ul>                                                                                                                               |

## Health impacts of intimate partner violence (chapter 7)

The toll on women’s health is severe. More than one-third of survivors have sustained injuries, and disturbingly, 19% of injured women now live with a permanent disability as a result. The link between violence and mental health is undeniable; women living with violence are significantly more likely to experience emotional distress and are more than twice as likely to attempt suicide compared to those living free of violence. **Almost 2 in 10 women living with partner violence have lost consciousness due to physical assault by their husband or partner**, a shocking figure given the potential long-term physical and mental health impacts.

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| <b>How many women are injured due to partner violence?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>What impacts does partner violence have on women’s physical and mental health?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among women living with physical or sexual partner violence, 1 in 3 (34%) have been injured</li> <li>• Half (49%) were injured once or twice, 3 in 10 (29%) were injured 3 to 5 times, and 2 in 10 (21%) more than 5 times</li> <li>• Almost 2 in 10 (17%) were ever hurt badly enough to need health care, although some did not receive the health care needed, and did not tell health workers the cause of their injuries</li> <li>• <b>Almost 2 in 10 (16%) of women living with partner violence have lost consciousness</b> due to the abuse by their husbands and partners</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women living with physical or sexual partner violence are significantly more likely to have moderate, severe or extreme physical pain and discomfort</li> <li>• They are more likely to need to use health services in the past 4 weeks, and to spend at least 1 night in hospital in the past 12 months</li> <li>• Victims/survivors are more likely to have emotional distress symptoms, and to think about and attempt suicide</li> <li>• <b>Among those who have ever been injured, almost 2 in 10 (19%) now have a permanent disability</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>What impacts does partner violence have on reproductive health?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women living with partner violence are more likely to use contraception, and their last pregnancy is more likely to have been unwanted or mis-timed</li> <li>• Women beaten during pregnancy are more likely to have a stillbirth</li> <li>• More than 1 in 10 women (14%) have been subjected to reproductive coercion in their lifetime</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Despite these many serious impacts, **an important coping strategy for most survivors is to downplay the effect that physical abuse has on their physical, spiritual and mental health**. Service-providers should never assume that women are overstating the violence, or its impacts.

## Impacts of partner violence on children, and the inter-generational impacts (chapter 8)

Children are the silent victims of partner violence, with potentially long-term damaging consequences for the children themselves, their families, communities and the country as a whole. In homes where women are abused, more than half of the mothers reported that their children

witnessed the violence. The children of women living with partner violence are significantly more likely to have behavioural problems, fail at school, or drop out entirely. The cycle of violence is learned: men who witnessed their mothers being beaten are significantly more likely to become perpetrators, and women who witnessed abuse are more likely to become victims.

| How are children affected by violence against their mothers?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than half (52%) of victims/survivors of partner violence had children who witnessed the violence</li> <li>• More than 1 in 10 (14%) women living with violence said that the children had also been beaten at the same time when the husband or partner was physically abusing her</li> <li>• These children are significantly more likely to have a range of behavioural problems, including aggression, nightmares, and failure to progress at school</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| What are the inter-generational impacts of partner violence against women?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women from families where their mother was beaten are significantly more likely to be living with violence in their relationships</li> <li>• Women who were physically abused as children are significantly more likely to be living with violence in their relationships</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men from families where their mother was beaten are significantly more likely to perpetrate intimate partner violence in their adult intimate relationships</li> <li>• Men who were regularly hit or beaten when they were children are significantly more likely to perpetrate intimate partner violence</li> </ul> |

## Women's responses to partner violence and their coping strategies (chapter 9)

More women (6 in 10) are disclosing violence to family and friends than in 2009, and this is a very positive sign. However, there is a very concerning decline in formal help-seeking since 2009, with fewer victims/survivors approaching agencies and authorities for help. Only 3 in 10 (29%) have ever sought help from formal services. There has been a distinct drop in women seeking help from health services and church leaders. Encouragingly, seeking help from the VWC Network has increased markedly, indicating growing trust in our services. Reporting to Chiefs has also risen slightly.

Women vote with their feet. When the justice system is slow, or when police and community leaders focus on reconciliation rather than safety and accountability, women lose faith. **When women do seek help, most just want the violence to stop, but they definitely want their relationships to continue; only 4 in 10 have ever left home temporarily, and only 2% have left permanently.** The majority of women who do not seek help cite fear of retaliation if they tell someone in authority about the violence, lack of knowledge about where to go, or the belief that they must endure the violence to keep their family together.

| What reasons do women give for seeking help to deal with partner violence, or for not seeking help?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | What reasons do women give for leaving home due to partner violence, or for not leaving home?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 7 in 10 (71%) of the women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence have never gone to any agency or authority for help, and only 3 in 10 (29%) have tried to get help</li> <li>• The 3 most common reasons for seeking help were: they had information about where to go, they could not take the violence anymore, and they knew their rights</li> <li>• Among those who did <u>not</u> seek help, many said that they did not know where to go, that he had threatened to kill her if she sought help, or that she was afraid he would end the relationship</li> <li>• About half of the women living with partner violence said they would have liked more help, and most wanted it from their family</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 4 in 10 (43%) women facing partner violence have ever left home, but only 2% have done so permanently</li> <li>• The main reasons for leaving home were: she couldn't take it anymore, she was afraid he would kill her, and she had information about where to go</li> <li>• Most women return to the husband/partner because he asks her to go back, she loves him, she forgives him, and because she doesn't want to leave the children</li> <li>• Among the women who have never left home, the main reasons are similar: she doesn't want to leave the children, she loves him, and she forgives him</li> </ul> |

Less than 3 in 10 women (29%) have ever fought back when their when their husband or partner is physically abusing them.

### Risk factors associated with partner violence against women (chapter 10)

No one single factor predicts the likelihood that women will experience partner violence in the last 12 months before the survey. Instead, there is a complex interplay of factors that influence women's risk. Nevertheless, the overwhelming conclusion is that the intergenerational consequences of both intimate partner violence and non-partner violence against women and girls are profound.

The risk factor analysis confirms that childhood sexual abuse is a significant predictor of partner violence in adulthood. Women sexually abused as children under 15 are significantly more likely to experience violence from an intimate partner later in life, as are those who have been sexually abused over the age of 15, and those whose first sexual experience was rape. Girls from families where their mother was hit are more likely to experience partner violence themselves; and boys who were regularly hit as children are more likely to perpetrate violence. Harmful gender norms relating to some common male behaviours are also shown as risk factors, with men more likely to perpetrate violence if they are also having affairs with other women, if they drink daily or weekly (kava, alcohol or home brew), and if they have ever physically fought with another man.

| What factors in the woman's background are associated with a higher risk of partner violence?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | What factors in the man's background are associated with a higher risk of him perpetrating partner violence?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• young age (versus older age)</li> <li>• <b>she experienced non-partner sexual violence over the age of 15 years</b></li> <li>• <b>she experienced childhood sexual abuse under the age of 15 years</b></li> <li>• <b>her first sexual experience was coerced or forced</b></li> <li>• her mother was hit by her mother's husband/partner</li> <li>• she drinks alcohol at least once a month</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• young age (versus older age)</li> <li>• he frequently uses alcohol, home brew or kava (daily or weekly)</li> <li>• <b>he has ever fought with another man</b></li> <li>• <b>he has had relationships with other women during his relationship with the respondent</b></li> <li>• <b>he was hit as a child</b></li> </ul> |
| What factors in the relationship between the woman and her husband/partner are associated with a higher risk of partner violence?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there are 3 or more children in the household</li> <li>• the woman's family chose her husband for her (versus a mutual choice between her and her husband)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

In many country studies it is possible to identify some factors that can significantly **protect women from violence**. This is not the case in Vanuatu, and is a very troubling finding. However, membership of a community-based group was the strongest factor identified that may afford some protection to women. VWC's experience is that those who attend women's groups are more likely to hear about our information and VWC services, and therefore more likely to be able to get help.

### Comparison of data from Vanuatu's 2009 and 2024 surveys, and international comparisons (chapter 11)

The data reveals a complex picture of progress alongside deep-seated persistence of the norms, customs and behaviours which justify and tolerate violence against women and girls. There is cause for cautious optimism: the **prevalence of physical and sexual violence by husbands and partners has declined**. The current prevalence measure – physical and/or sexual violence in the 12 months prior to the survey – has dropped by 9% since 2009. This rate of reduction compares favourably with global trends and suggests that the long-term prevention and response strategies employed by the VWC and its government partners are having an impact. A few attitudes have changed in favour of gender equality and women's rights, and present an opportunity for VWC and other

stakeholders to build on these gains and further challenge the root causes of gender inequality and violence against women and girls.

| How has the prevalence of intimate partner violence changed between 2009 and 2024?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | How has the prevalence of non-partner violence changed between 2009 and 2024?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <u>current</u> prevalence of physical and/or sexual partner violence has decreased by 9% since 2009</li> <li>• Few countries in the Asia-Pacific region (with comparable studies over time) have seen a reduction of this magnitude</li> <li>• All other indicators for <u>current</u> prevalence (in the last 12 months before the survey) have decreased (by between 3% and 16%)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <u>lifetime</u> prevalence of physical and/or sexual non-partner violence since age 15 has decreased by 2%</li> <li>• The prevalence of child sexual abuse has increased by 2%, but this national figure masks differences in experience by age, with younger women less likely to have experienced this form of abuse than older women</li> </ul> |
| How have women's coping strategies and help-seeking behaviour changed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The percentage of women who ever told anyone about the violence has increased by 8%, a positive sign</li> <li>• However, the percentage who sought help from an agency or person in authority has decreased by 12%</li> <li>• Despite this, <b>more women have sought help from VWC (increased by 6%) and Chiefs (increased by 2%)</b></li> <li>• <b>There is no change in the percentage who sought help from the Police, and a substantial decrease in those who sought help from health services (decreased by 27%) and church leaders (decreased by 26%)</b></li> <li>• The percentage who said that their family had encouraged them to seek help increased (by 11%), and those who said they had information about where to go increased by 7%, both very positive signs</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

However, the prevalence of behaviours that are shown to be key long-term risk factors (such as sexual violence by non-partners towards women and girls) have barely shifted. Moreover, most attitudes have not changed much, or have changed towards views that undermine women's rights and autonomy. Most of these attitudes sanction men's power over women, which in turn is likely to promote tolerance of excessive acts of coercive control and the use of physical and sexual violence. It is unlikely that the prevalence of violence against women and girls will further reduce, and that women's help-seeking behaviour will increase, unless these fundamental attitudes are challenged from a woman's rights perspective. They point to the complex and interlinked deep-seated attitudes and views in custom, culture and religion which reinforce gender inequality.

## Conclusions and recommendations (chapter 12)

Vanuatu has made some progress towards the goal of eliminating violence against women and girls. The importance of these positive changes should not be under-estimated: they are the foundations that local and national stakeholders can build on to ensure that the gains made to date are sustained and strengthened. **There is no doubt that the prevention and response work of the Vanuatu Women's Centre over the last 15 years is responsible for the reductions in prevalence seen to date, including through its collaboration with key community leaders such as Chiefs, the law and justice sector and some other stakeholders.** It is worth noting that many individual women and Chiefs, particularly from remote areas, requested VWC to come back after the survey fieldwork to their areas and raise awareness of the issues; this is a positive unintended outcome from the research, which shows a willingness and openness to learn and change the situation.

However, the journey is far from over. The violence that women and girls face is not inevitable; it is a learned behaviour reinforced by social norms that can be changed. This survey provides the evidence needed to refine our strategies. We call upon the Government, donor partners, community leaders, and civil society to use these findings to redouble our collective efforts to ensure that the next generation of women and girls in Vanuatu can live free from fear, violence and excessive and damaging control.



If there is one major conclusion that can be drawn from the totality of the findings, it is this: the **pervasive patterns of gender inequality and the subjugation of women that underpin all forms of violence against women and girls remain firmly in place across all provinces of the country and among all social groups**. This is reflected in little or no change in most of the attitudes that women themselves hold about gender norms and women's rights, and in their views about "good reasons" for men to hit their wife or partner under certain circumstances (the percentage of women who agree with one or more justifications has sadly increased, albeit marginally).

**The good progress made to date is unlikely to accelerate or be sustained unless all stakeholders and actors base their response and prevention work on the evidence** – including understanding the fundamental causes of the problem, its scale, scope, and devastating consequences for individuals, families and communities. The unequal gender power relations, gender norms and expectations that underpin violence against women and girls in all its forms must be understood and challenged if progress towards the elimination of violence against women and girls is to be hastened. Crucially, all interventions must be firmly grounded in a women's rights perspective that actively challenges the gender norms and male privileges currently limiting women's autonomy.

## Recommendations

Some readers may note that a few of the recommendations below are similar to those in the 2009 report (VWC and VNSO 2011: 184-189), albeit with different emphases. This is deliberate: the recommendations to Vanuatu Government agencies and other stakeholders from 2009 have not been consistently or assertively addressed over the last 15 years by Vanuatu National or Provincial Government agencies and other organisations working across different sectors, and the resources needed to scale up prevention work have not been made available.

The recommendations below are aligned with both the Vanuatu Government's own commitments to eliminate violence against women and strengthen gender equality, and with recommendations made to the Vanuatu Government at the international level – as outlined in the Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 to 2030, the Vanuatu National Gender Equality Policy, the Vanuatu Government's Beijing+30 National Review Report, and the United Nations Human Rights Council Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.

This report shows that VWC has established the evidence base for what works in the Vanuatu context over the last 15 years. **VWC is an essential part of the national infrastructure for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls (EVAWG). However, VWC is only one part of the national prevention and response system needed to significantly reduce the prevalence of VAWG. National and Provincial Government agencies, and community leaders at all levels need to take a lead in implementing the recommendations below.** In particular, the Vanuatu Government should take the lead with multisectoral coordination on EVAWG with all stakeholders, and ensure that national specialist EVAWG expertise guides all efforts to address these recommendations, including expertise from VWC.

The findings from this study need to be considered and incorporated into policy development, training, programs and service provision across government agencies, civil society organisations, faith-based organisations, and development agencies. This is particularly important for the law and justice, education and health sectors, including for mental health policy and programs. It is also critical for stakeholders and programs aimed at promoting economic development including income-generation programs and the economic empowerment of women.

Funding permitting, VWC intends to follow up this report by working with National and Provincial Government agencies and key sectors to develop provincial and sector-level national strategies and

recommendations in a participatory manner with local and provincial ni-Vanuatu stakeholders, in order to strengthen and extend the work done since the first survey was published.

Many of the recommendations below relate to both violence against women and violence against children. However, it needs to be emphasised that response and prevention with adult women requires different skill sets and approaches to those for working with children.

1. *All community awareness, education and training programs to address violence against women by all stakeholders must be evidence-based, and explicitly advancing a human rights and gender equality approach.*
2. *All agencies undertaking any prevention work must have survivor-centred and rights-based ethical and safety protocols in place for managing disclosures of violence by women and children, including a commitment to refer to the VWC Network for follow-up counselling and support.*
3. *The multi-service delivery protocol urgently needs to be finalised, implemented and closely monitored by the Vanuatu Government.*
4. *Service providers need to ensure that all staff are aware of the evidence in this report regarding the multiple forms of violence experienced by women and girls, including violence committed by husbands/partners, and non-partner violence against women and girls. All service providers also need to be aware of the serious impacts of all these forms of violence, including physical injury, reproductive health problems, emotional distress, suicide risk, permanent disability, the impact on women's work and the impact on children.*
5. *All stakeholders need to systematically collect and report sex-disaggregated data on the problem of violence against women and children, to inform future policy development and programs, assist with monitoring prevention activities, and budget allocations. Data collection must adhere to the highest standards of safety and ethical principles and follow global guidelines to ensure data systems are survivor-centred (UN Women and WHO, 2022). This recommendation applies to all law and justice sector agencies, the health and education sectors, the Child and Disability Desks in the Ministry of Justice and Community Services, other government departments, non-government and civil society organisations, and faith-based organisations.*
6. *Technology facilitated abuse in all its forms needs to be openly discussed in national and provincial forums, by all stakeholders. Women and men, and particularly young women and men, youth organisations and community leaders need to call out unacceptable behaviour and expectations that reinforce damaging gender norms and sexual exploitation. Digital literacy and safety skills must be part of fundamental education and training curricula to equip citizens with the capacity to protect themselves and for service providers to provide adequate support.*

#### **Recommendations for stakeholders working with young women and men**

7. *Young women and men aged 15-24 need to be a priority target group for prevention messages on all forms of violence against women and girls, including for technology facilitated abuse.*
8. *Awareness-raising and intensive prevention activities should be age and gender-specific wherever possible. This approach has been shown to be most effective across all types of organisations and at the community level, given the reluctance of women to speak out about their experiences in front of men. A similar reluctance is found among young men when in groups with older men.*
9. *All training and other programs specifically targeted at young women or young men should integrate an evidence-based focus on women's human rights, gender equality and violence against women as part of their curricula. VWC can be called upon to support this effort.*

VWC, the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre and some other women's crisis centres in the Pacific have together pioneered an effective male advocacy training program over many years that combines intensive repeated training with accountability of individual men to the women's rights movements. As several case studies in this report (and in VWC's annual progress reports) have shown, this approach has been effective at preventing and responding to violence and ensuring women's safety. VWC has specifically targeted Chiefs, police and other community leaders for its 4-stage male advocacy training program, with much evidence in the qualitative database that collaboration between police, Chiefs and VWC can have profound effects on prevention and response at the local level.

On the other hand, a recent qualitative review of VWC's program has found that many men believe that the law, and the way VWC supports women to use the law, disadvantages men and disrupts families. The evidence in this report challenges these deeply held assumptions, and it is critical that other organisations do not feed into these myths, particularly given that the review also found that women are very positive about the legal services that VWC provides (Vaughan forthcoming). Not only do these myths need to be challenged, but the evidence must be presented of how families and communities are damaged by ongoing violence, and the contrary evidence in VWC's qualitative database of men and women who are now able to move on together beyond the violence as a result of appropriate use of Family Protection Orders, coupled with the counselling that VWC provides to women. VWC is confronted with the accusation that it is trying to break up families almost every time a prevention activity is carried out, regardless of the location – whereas VWC's aim is stop the violence.

10. *All training and other programs with men, particularly young men, must not perpetuate myths about violence against women nor condone men's control over women. In order for men to become effective advocates for women's human rights, programs with men must be based on accurate data and challenge attitudes that reinforce gender inequality. An integral part of an effective approach is to hold men to account, particularly men trained as male advocates. Agencies that do not have demonstrated commitment and experience to implement such an approach should call on VWC for training and support.*
11. *Programs with male perpetrators of violence against women must be based on sound evidence of effective strategies and be carefully monitored to assess their outcomes. Such programs should not be supported by donors or local stakeholders unless they are firmly and explicitly based on a human rights approach which advances gender equality and women's rights.*

### **Recommendations for Chiefs, and National and Provincial Government agencies**

The National Gender Equality Policy and the People's Plan both highlight the need to eliminate violence against women and girls, and identify several actions to do so. However, although there is a clear Government mandate and an urgent national priority, Vanuatu Government actions remain uncoordinated and under-resourced, and are not being implemented systematically.

12. *Implementation of the National Gender Equality Policy needs to be prioritised by all areas of Government and adequately resourced for the country to make further progress in reducing the prevalence of all forms of VAWG.*
13. *The Vanuatu Government, non-government organisations and private sector agencies who provide formal employment should introduce a policy to provide special leave entitlements for women living with violence, to provide them with time and support to address the issues they face.*

There are high levels of social cohesion and social capital in Vanuatu, and overall, a high respect for the law put in place by ni-Vanuatu legislators since Independence in 1980. This is a positive feature of Vanuatu society and culture that provides an enormous opportunity for making progress in prevention

work. VWC intends to further strengthen its outreach to remote areas in the provinces, in collaboration with local Chiefs and Provincial Government. However, it is clear that Chiefs, police and church leaders will remain the first and often only option for women seeking help with violence, in a context where access to other services are often very limited.

14. *Community leaders at all levels – including Chiefs and the Malvatumauri, National and Provincial Government leaders, Area Administrators and Provincial Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) – need to take more responsibility, initiative and evidence-based action on the violence against women and children currently taking place in their communities, in accordance with Vanuatu law, and with a survivor-centred approach that prioritises women’s and children’s rights and safety. One urgent priority is ensuring that cultural practices and customs harmful to women and children are actively challenged from a women’s rights perspective.*

### **Recommendations for church leaders and faith-based organisations**

Along with Chiefs, police and the VWC Network, the data shows that churches remain very important for women seeking help when they are in crisis, with local presences in every community. However, as reported in chapter 11, there has been a reduction in women asking church leaders and agencies for help since 2009, and this needs to be taken very seriously by all faith-based organisations.

Church leaders also play a key role shaping community attitudes and responses to violence against women and girls, and can be powerful role models for respectful and non-violent behaviour. As noted above, no faith is immune and all face these issues more or less equally. Faith-based organisations at all levels need to develop appropriate prevention activities, including training male church leaders to better understand the evidence base on this issue and the long-term damaging consequences for communities, and to improve responses and support for women, particularly in remote areas.

15. *Faith-based organisations should include human rights, gender equality, accurate information about violence against women, and non-violent methods of conflict resolution in all their training and programs.*
16. *Church leaders at all levels need to take more responsibility, initiative and evidence-based action on the violence against women and children currently taking place in their communities, in accordance with Vanuatu law, and with a survivor-centred approach that prioritises women’s and children’s rights and safety.*

### **Recommendations for all stakeholders involved in the protection of children, including in the education sector**

Given the persistent high levels of both physical and sexual abuse against children, the education sector has a critical role to play – both by helping children to understand what is acceptable, and what is not, and by assisting them to seek help when problems come to light. The evidence shows that a strengthened focus is needed on younger children and adolescents (including those out of school) with age-appropriate prevention messages and activities from all relevant Government agencies. Policies on reporting of violence against children are in place, but need to be systematically implemented.

17. *All stakeholders, agencies and programs that work with children need to have child protection policies, protocols and adequate monitoring and reporting on their implementation. This applies to government agencies at all levels, educational institutions at all levels, health agencies, civil society organisations, sporting bodies and faith-based organisations.*
18. *Primary and secondary schools and other educational institutions need to have well-trained counsellors available to counsel girls and boys experiencing physical and sexual abuse, and to help address the emotional and other impacts experienced by children whose mothers are*



*living in violent relationships. VWC's expertise should be used in training and counselling activities across the sector.*

19. *Child protection, human rights, gender equality and non-violent methods of conflict resolution should be included in primary and secondary school curricula; these topics should also be included in primary and secondary teacher training curricula.*
20. *Young people's organisations at Provincial, Area Council and Ward levels need to consider the findings of this report including the very high levels of all forms of violence against young women and girls, and develop action plans to prevent and address violence at every level.*
21. *The Vanuatu Government should establish a Department within the Ministry of Justice and Community Services to strengthen child protection measures.*
22. *Recruitment criteria for all government staff appointed to gender-related adviser and child protection positions should include knowledge and experience in the area of violence against women and child protection.*

### **Recommendations for the law and justice sector: improving the implementation of existing law**

The importance of efforts by the law and justice sector cannot be under-estimated. Their role is essential to all prevention and response efforts, as discussed above. The introduction of a no-drop policy by the Vanuatu Police Force (VPF) for cases of physical and sexual violence against women was recommended after the 2009 survey and put in place by the VPF. While that was a positive step, it needs to be consistently enforced. VWC has continued to advocate and work closely with the Vanuatu Government, VPF, courts and the judiciary to strengthen laws and procedures, and many positive initiatives are either underway or have been put in place in recent years. However, these need assertive follow-up and enforcement by all partners to ensure women and children have equal access to the law and protection from further violence. Measures to ensure women's and children's safety are chronically under-resourced, including for investigations, and for the serving of Family Protection Orders (FPOs), with sometimes dire consequences for women. These areas need to be prioritised by the Vanuatu Government and the VPF.

23. *Improved responses to child sexual assault are urgently needed, in line with the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding with Government agencies. Guidelines for ensuring cases are dealt with immediately and sensitively by prosecutors, the VPF, the Victim Support Officer and Child Welfare Officers need to be consistently implemented, with a child-centred approach.*
24. *The Vanuatu Police Force's standard operating procedures for dealing with all cases of violence against women needs to be consistently enforced, and should be closely monitored, with police officers held to account when procedures are not followed as required.*
25. *The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between VWC and the VPF needs to be reviewed. Police Family Protection Units must be adequately resourced to respond effectively to cases of violence against women and children throughout the country. This must include adequate resources for transport and accommodation costs for cases to be followed up in remote areas, and for FPOs to be served immediately. At provincial level, police stations should have officers trained and dedicated to family protection cases.*
26. *A Victim Support Unit urgently needs to be established within the Vanuatu Police Force with staff trained and experienced in responding to crimes of violence against women and sexual and physical abuse of children.*
27. *The findings of this report should be included in police training curricula including refresher training for officers at all levels. Mandatory and refresher training should also be provided for all judicial officers and others in the law and justice sector on violence against women, human rights, gender equality and the findings of this survey. VWC input needed in all these trainings to ensure that police understand the causes, scope and consequences of all forms of violence against women and children.*

28. *Adequate resourcing is also needed for police to undertake crime prevention activities on technology-facilitated abuse by both partners and non-partners against women and children, and to investigate and prosecute these crimes.*

The Family Protection Act (FPA) was passed in late 2008, after many years of advocacy by VWC, and implementation in earnest by the Vanuatu Government began many years later. The data shows that very few women (only 1%), have ever gone to an Authorised Person for assistance, and no Registered Counsellors are currently appointed. This is not surprising given that the implementation of the FPA is still only in a trial phase, and is only operational in limited areas of Santo and Malekula. While a second cohort of Authorised Persons has been recruited, they have not yet been trained by VWC, and as a result, the law has not been implemented as intended in some instances.

29. *No Authorised Persons should be appointed or assessed without first being trained by VWC, and assessed for their understanding of the issues of violence against women and children, and their capacity and commitment to apply the law as intended.*
30. *Urgent action is needed to recruit and train Authorised Persons and Registered Counsellors to facilitate implementation of the Family Protection Act (FPA) throughout the country. Implementation of the FPA needs to be expedited in rural areas and its implementation needs to be carefully monitored, including provisions related to the criminalisation of offences of violence against women.*

### **Recommendations for the law and justice sector: the law reform agenda**

The FPA was always intended to be reviewed after a period of implementation; this review is still outstanding, and there are several other laws that need review and reform to ensure that Vanuatu makes good progress towards eliminating violence against women and children in all its forms. While the Vanuatu Government has cyber-crime legislation in place, this is an area that is rapidly evolving with men using technology as a tool for coercive control as well as sexual violence against their wives and partners. The evidence in this report also indicates that technology facilitated sexual abuse by non-partners is also likely to quickly grow as it becomes normalised, particularly among young women and men.

31. *A review of both the FPA itself and its implementation is urgently needed. Law reform needs to strengthen the protection of pregnant women, women with disabilities, and the use of technology to exert control over and sexually abuse women and girls. Violence against pregnant women, violence against women with disabilities, and child sexual abuse should be highlighted as aggravating factors for conviction and sentencing, and these cases must be prioritised when FPOs are issued.*
32. *All legislation needs to conform with Vanuatu's obligations to key international conventions signed many years ago by the Vanuatu Government, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).*
33. *The Correctional Services Act should be reviewed to ensure that women's and children's safety is given the highest priority when restorative or alternative justice approaches are implemented, including the use of community service and pardons for offenders convicted of physical and sexual crimes of violence against women and children.*
34. *Victim impact statements should be informed by a women's and child's rights perspective, and soundly based on the evidence of the long-term damaging consequences in this report of crimes of violence against women and children.*
35. *The Vanuatu Government should urgently develop comprehensive family law legislation, which takes into account the prevalence, severity and impacts of violence against women and*

*children. The Marriage Act should be amended to raise the minimum of age of marriage for women from 16 to 18 years.*

*36. The Vanuatu Government should regularly review cyber-crime legislation to ensure it integrates gender considerations, and that women and children are kept safe online, as technology evolves and as more data and qualitative evidence is collected on this issue both internationally and in Vanuatu.*

*37. Reform of the Employment Act is needed to incorporate provisions to address sexual harassment and misconduct at work, as well as other reforms to ensure gender equality in the workplace (such as parental leave, and equal pay for women and men).*

### **Recommendations for all media organisations operating in Vanuatu**

With a surge in technology facilitated abuse, the media – including social media – has a critical role to play in challenging damaging myths, norms and behaviours.

*38. All media organisations need to take care not to perpetuate or reinforce damaging myths about violence against women, including in their social media outlets. Training in responsible representation of women and children who have experienced violence should be integrated in education curricula and on the job training for media and communication professionals across sectors.*

### **Recommendations for the health sector**

Only 10% of women who experienced partner violence said that they had been to a health sector agency for help, and comparing the data from 2009 and 2024 shows that this has reduced substantially. Without consistent health sector data over time, it is difficult to validate this data or interpret the reasons for this decline in help-seeking behaviour by victims/survivors.

Nevertheless, women continue to be injured, concussed, and some are being hit or beaten during pregnancy, including in the stomach, and some are thinking about or attempting suicide. The health impacts nationally of violence against women and girls are significant, regardless of whether we consider physical, mental or reproductive health. Some surveys in recent years have tried to estimate the actual financial burden that this places on government budgets, including in the health sector. VWC chose not to include these additional questions, due to considerations of length and relevance to the Vanuatu context.

It is clear that the health sector has an important role to play in responding to violence, and in caring sensitively for those women and children living with this behaviour by men. There are also many opportunities in the health sector for stopping further violence – every time that a woman comes with an injury, through every visit to an ante-natal or post-natal clinic, and every time a girl child presents with some type of vaginal damage or with a teenage pregnancy. VWC's 30-year "Herstory" (VWC 2022) documents many collaborations between health sector agencies and VWC, including trainings, the development of manuals and protocols. But it is evident that more needs to be done, and VWC looks forward to working more with the sector in a participatory manner to develop specific strategies and recommendations, including through finalisation and implementation of the multi-service delivery protocols (see recommendation 2), and through the National Mental Health Committee.

*39. All health staff, including front-line staff, need to be trained on the issue of violence against women and children. Assessment skills are needed for early detection of physical and sexual violence against women and children. Basic counselling skills are needed for dealing with victims in a non-judgemental, confidential, sensitive and respectful manner. These topics and the findings of this report need to be included in the nursing curriculum and refresher training for urban and rural health staff. VWC's expertise should be used in these activities.*

40. *Training and services on mental health need to address the strong link found between physical, sexual and emotional violence against women, mental health problems, and significantly increased suicide risk. The impacts of repeated concussions also need to be considered. Specialist mental health staff such as professional psychologists should be available in rural areas to assist women who are traumatised by intimate partner violence. VWC supports the establishment of provincial mental health committees.*

#### **Other recommendations, including to external donors**

All funding agencies need to take note that messages that conflict with the evidence base in this report (and the international evidence base) including the need to change attitudes and behaviours and uphold women's rights, will undoubtedly retard progress. Blaming and shaming women, and actions that sanction or tolerate violence, will hamper the pace of positive change. Women (and ni-Vanuatu community leaders) have shown that they trust the Vanuatu Women's Centre; there is ample evidence that the gains made to date are due primarily to its efforts.

Now is not the time for a fracturing of support from key donors; this would pose a risk to VWC being able to continue to provide essential services to women in rural areas across the country, who are most in need of both awareness-raising and response efforts. It would mean that women learn that when they do seek help, there is no back-up to support them. It would mean that women subjected to violence during disasters would not have the support of counsellors. The numerous requests made by women and Chiefs during the survey for VWC to return could not be followed up, and many other consequences besides. What is needed now is an increase in donor support in all the areas outlined in the above recommendations.

41. ***Long-term core funding is needed for the Vanuatu Women's Centre to continue its integrated and comprehensive national program of prevention and response, if Vanuatu is to build on the gains already made in reducing violence against women and children.***
42. *Any external funding by international donors needs to be targeted to agencies with proven expertise and understanding of the problem of violence against women, with firm roots in and understanding of the Vanuatu community and its customs, and demonstrated commitment to advancing women's rights.*
43. *All donor agencies should mainstream attention to gender equality, human rights and violence against women into all sector strategies, programs and projects. Rather than seek to replicate the work of VWC, agencies need to integrate the evidence in this report into their ongoing programs and ways of working, by taking all opportunities to raise awareness of the issues, and by providing appropriate support to women living with violence, including by referring them to VWC.*
44. *Bilateral and multilateral donors must urgently prioritise funding for critical elements of the national EVAWG infrastructure, including the implementation of the Family Protection Act throughout the country, the implementation of the multi-service delivery protocol, and prevention and response work in key sectors as outlined in the Vanuatu Government's existing policies.*
45. *Bilateral and multilateral donors should provide additional funding for a VWC safehouse, and for permanent premises for VWC's Branches in the provinces, considering the higher prevalence in rural areas and the lack of accessibility of other services in many areas.*







# Chapter 1: Introduction

This report presents the methodology and findings from the Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships. This survey was conducted by the Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC) in partnership with the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics (VBoS) from May to August 2024. This is the second nation-wide quantitative study on violence against women and attitudes to women's human rights. The first one was undertaken by VWC in partnership with the Vanuatu National Statistics Office (VNSO) in 2009.

## 1.1 The Vanuatu Women's Centre and its National Network

VWC is an independent civil society organization that was established in 1992. VWC's goal is to work towards the elimination of violence against women and children in Vanuatu. To achieve this, VWC's work aims to increase community awareness and acceptance that violence against women and children is a crime and a violation of human rights. VWC's program is nation-wide and includes the provision of counselling services for women living with violence, community awareness and campaigns to increase community understanding of the scale of the problem of violence against women and its damaging impacts, and legal and human rights advocacy.

In addition to the national Centre in Port Vila, VWC has 5 branches: the Torba Counselling Centre (TOCC) at Sola, Vanua Lava; the Penama Counselling Centre (PECC) at Saratamata, East Ambae; the Sanma Counselling Centre (SCC) at Luganville, Santo; the Malampa Counselling Centre (MCC) at Lakatoro, Malekula; and the Tafea Counselling Centre (TCC) at Lenakel, Tanna. VWC's national network includes 37 active island-based Committees Against Violence Against Women (CAVAWs) throughout each of Vanuatu's 6 provinces. CAVAWs undertake local community awareness activities and assist women and children living with violence in remote communities. VWC's network also includes trained male advocates who work with VWC, the Branches and CAVAWs to advance women's human rights and eliminate violence against women. Male advocates include chiefs, police, health workers, and church, youth and other community leaders.

VWC is part of several government committees including the National Mental Health Committee, the Vanuatu Labour Mobility Stakeholder Group, the Vanuatu National EVAWG (elimination of violence against women and girls) Thematic Working Group, and is co-lead to the GBV (gender-based violence) subcluster of the government Gender and Protection Cluster, and the Vanuatu Supreme Court Access to Justice Project Steering Committee.

VWC receives core funding from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) for its national program, as well as from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand (MFAT). VWC is a founding member of the Pacific Women's Network Against Violence Against Women.

## 1.2 Vanuatu Government commitments to gender equality and the elimination of violence against women

### 1.2.1 Policy context

Vanuatu's Constitution guarantees men and women equal treatment under the law. Vanuatu has ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1995 and its optional protocol in 2007; the Convention on the Right of The Child (CRC) in 1992 and its two optional protocols in 2006, and the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2008. In 2011, Vanuatu ratified the Convention Against Torture. Commitments to gender equality

have featured in Vanuatu Government plans over the years. The Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 to 2030 has three pillars: the Society Pillar, the Environment Pillar and the Economy Pillar. Prevention and elimination of all forms of violence and discrimination against women, children, and vulnerable groups fall under Policy Objective 4.2 of the Society Pillar.

The results of the 2011 Prevalence Study Survey were used as the baseline indicator for this policy objective (Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination 2016). The 2024 Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships provides an indication of Vanuatu's progress toward achieving Policy Objective 4.2.

Vanuatu's first National Gender Equality Policy was introduced for the period 2015-2019. It aimed to address gender-based violence, enhance women's empowerment, promote leadership and political participation, and establish gender mainstreaming frameworks. This policy was later superseded by the 2020-2030 National Gender Equality Policy. Vanuatu's current National Gender Equality Policy focuses on five strategic areas (Government of the Republic of Vanuatu 2021):

1. **Eliminating discrimination and violence against women and girls** – Strengthening protections and support systems to address gender-based violence.
2. **Enhancing women's economic empowerment and skills development** – Expanding opportunities for financial independence and capacity-building initiatives.
3. **Advancing women's leadership and political participation** – Promoting greater representation in governance and decision-making roles.
4. **Strengthening the foundation for gender mainstreaming** – Integrating gender perspectives into policies and institutional frameworks.
5. **Fostering gender-responsive and community-driven solutions to climate and disaster resilience** – Ensuring inclusive strategies for environmental sustainability and disaster preparedness.

The policy objectives under strategic area one include (Government of the Republic of Vanuatu 2021: 17):

1. To undertake legislative reform and bolster national leadership on ending discrimination against violence against women and girls;
2. To address discriminatory attitudes, norms and behaviours, and promoting healthy relationships between women and men;
3. To deliver integrated survivor centred services with improved quality of healthcare and protection for women and children affected by violence; and
4. To ensure the accountability of justice systems and institutions in safeguarding women and children, and supporting family reconciliation.

The key indicators for strategic area one include the number of bills passed and legislation amended as part of the comprehensive law reform to eliminate discrimination and violence against women and girls by 2023; the prevalence of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women in 2030 compared to the 2009 national survey; the percentage of cases of violence against women and children reported to police and investigated and finalized by state justice system between 2020 and 2030; and the multiservice delivery protocols, standards and referral pathways are developed and operationalized by 2030 (Government of the Republic of Vanuatu 2021: 18).

The six provincial governments of TORBA, SANMA, PENAMA, MALAMPA, SHEFA and TAFEA have provincial gender action plans as well to ensure that the national policy is implemented at the provincial level.

*Box 1.1: The United Nations Declaration on Violence Against Women*

Violence against women is defined as any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including the threat of violence, coercion, or arbitrary deprivations of liberty.

**Violence against women includes:**

- physical, sexual, and psychological violence occurring **in the family**, including battering, sexual abuse of female children in the household, dowry-related violence, and violence related to exploitation;
- physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring **within the general community**, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere, trafficking in women and forced prostitution; and
- physical, sexual and psychological violence **perpetrated or condoned by the state**, wherever it occurs.

**The Declaration says that violence against women:**

- violates women's human rights and fundamental freedoms (including the rights to life, equality, liberty and security, equal protection under the law, physical and mental health, just and favourable conditions of work, and the right not to be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- **results from historically unequal power relations between men and women;**
- is a social mechanism that forces women into a subordinate position compared to men;
- is pervasive in the family and society, and cuts across lines of income, class and culture; and
- limits women's opportunities to achieve legal, social, political and economic equality.

**The Declaration says that Governments should:**

- condemn violence against women;
- **not refer to any custom, tradition, religion or any other consideration to avoid eliminating violence against women;**
- adopt without delay appropriate policies and measures to eliminate violence against women;
- prevent, investigate and punish acts of violence against women;
- promote the protection of women through legal, political, administrative and cultural measures and inform women of their rights;
- ensure that women are not victimised through gender-insensitive laws and enforcement practices; and
- recognise the important role of the women's movement and non-government organisations in raising awareness, and in speaking out and acting on the problem of violence against women.

Source: text adapted from UN General Assembly 1993, for a poster prepared by Juliet Hunt for International Women's Development Agency for "Beneath Paradise: Documentation by Pacific Women NGOs", 1994.

### 1.2.2 Legal Framework to address violence against women

The Family Protection Act (FPA) was enacted in 2008 and came into force in March 2009. It was the first legislation in the Pacific region specifically designed to address domestic violence. Its purpose is to: prevent domestic violence at all levels of society, promote harmonious family relationships, provide legal protection for victims, and punish perpetrators of domestic violence.

Although the Family Protection Act is still in a pilot stage of implementation (with authorised persons limited to selected areas of Santo and Malekula), the Act is actively used and enforced, particularly through the Magistrates Court, where Family Protection Orders (FPOs) now make up around 40% of all cases – the largest single case type in the system.

The implementation of the Family Protection Act of 2008 continues to evolve through strategic efforts aimed at strengthening its reach and effectiveness. Under the leadership of Chief Justice Vincent Lunabek, the judiciary has committed to publishing annual data on protection order cases, enhancing transparency and accountability within the justice system. In 2021, Court User Surveys were conducted to evaluate how effectively the Act is serving women, children, and men seeking protection from domestic violence (Judiciary of the Republic of Vanuatu 2023). Recognizing the challenges faced by communities in remote areas, targeted initiatives are underway to improve access to protection orders beyond urban centres, including the training of additional authorized persons who can issue temporary orders under the Authorized Persons Program (Ministry of Justice, Youth and Community Services 2025).

In 2016 the Parliament of Vanuatu amended the Penal Code and significantly increased the maximum penalties for the offences against morality (sexual offences). Also, a new offence of 'abduction of a person under 18' was introduced. This new provision criminalizes taking an unmarried person under 18 of lawful care with intent to engage in sexual activity.

These amendments reflect Vanuatu's commitment to strengthening legal protections for women and children, and to aligning its laws with international human rights standards. However, customary reconciliation practices are still widely used, which are sometimes conflicting with the formal justice processes.

## 1.3 The status of women in Vanuatu

There has been progress made in advancing the status of women in Vanuatu. However, women still face persistent challenges in achieving gender equality, particularly in areas of violence against women, political participation, and access to justice, despite reforms and national policies aimed at improvement.

The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women in its concluding observations on Vanuatu's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> periodic reports expressed concerns about persistent discrimination against women, particularly in relation to violence, access to justice, political participation, and entrenched patriarchal attitudes (UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women 2016).



### 1.3.1 Violence against women

Violence against women and girls remains one of the most pressing issue with Vanuatu amongst the highest rates in the Pacific. The first national survey on *Women's Lives and Family Relationships* found that 60% of women who have ever been in an intimate relationship reported experiencing physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime, and 68% reported emotional violence. The study found that violence against women is widespread across all provinces, age groups, education levels, and socio-economic backgrounds (VWC and VNSO 2011). While violence perpetrated upon women and girls is often normalized through cultural practices, there is a gradual shift in changing attitudes with an increased number of women choosing to apply for Family Protection Orders. In 2024, the filing of Domestic Violence (DV) cases at the Magistrate Court has increased to 1,228 for 2024 compared to 1,038 in 2023 – the highest the courts have seen in 7 years. The CEDAW Committee in its concluding comments to Vanuatu to its 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> report emphasized the following: that Vanuatu should adopt comprehensive strategies to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls; improve services for survivors, including shelters, counselling, and legal aid; and train police, judiciary, and health workers to handle cases sensitively and effectively (UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women 2016: 5-6).

### 1.3.2 Access to justice

Women still face significant barriers in accessing justice. In Vanuatu, 75% of the population lives in rural areas outside Port Vila and Luganville. Women and children living in rural areas have less access to the formal justice system. Barriers for women in accessing formal justice includes costs of accessing the formal justice system. The CEDAW report emphasized that Vanuatu should put emphasis on the following to ensure access to justice for women and girls (UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women 2016: 3):

- a) Raise women's awareness of their rights and of the means to enforce them, in cooperation with civil society organizations, in particular on the outer islands.
- b) Establish effective remedies in both the formal and traditional justice systems to enable women to obtain redress for violations of their rights, provide capacity-building to judges, lawyers and law enforcement officers on women's rights and undertake research on the impact of the dual justice system on women's access to justice.
- c) Develop a strategy with clear time frames to ensure that traditional justice mechanisms comply with the human rights standards set forth in the Convention when addressing complaints by women. The strategy should include capacity-building and training programmes on the Convention and on women's human rights for traditional justice authorities.
- d) Allocate further resources to enhancing the infrastructure, quality and accessibility of the formal justice system, especially on the outer islands.

### 1.3.3 Political participation

Women remain underrepresented in politics. Vanuatu has historically had very few female members of Parliament, and cultural norms discourage women from standing for election. The CEDAW Committee recommended for Vanuatu to "enact legislation to reserve at least 30 per cent of seats in Parliament for women, and encouraged the creation of a special parliamentary committee on women's rights and gender equality and implement the recommendations of the 2010 study on the gender profile of political parties and elections and the national survey of 2015" (UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women 2016: 6).

In an amendment in the *Municipalities Act*, a seat is reserved for women to be elected as councillors in each ward of a Municipality (Republic of Vanuatu 2013). Since this amendment women were elected into the Port Vila and Luganville Municipalities, and for the first time since 1975, Port Vila has a female Lady Mayor. In the past two legislatures only 1 female was elected into the 52 seat Parliament. This shows a deep under-representation of women in politics. It reflects structural barriers and voter attitudes shaped by cultural norms, political systems, and limited support for female candidates.

### 1.3.4 Education and employment

Girls in Vanuatu's primary schools still face many barriers that make it hard to stay in education. Traditional beliefs and cultural roles often push girls into caring for siblings, marrying early, or joining rituals that interrupt schooling, while families sometimes give more support to boys' education. Inside schools, girls experience bullying, corporal punishment, and stereotyping that limits their confidence and leadership, even though they often perform well academically. Community pressures, such as parents working overseas in seasonal employment and expectations around caregiving, further weaken their chances of finishing school. These challenges lead to fewer career opportunities, reinforce domestic roles, and cause lasting harm, leaving progress in girls' education fragile and at risk of being reversed (Vanuatu Education Support Program 2021).

Women's employment in Vanuatu reflects a persistent imbalance between participation in the formal and informal sectors. In the formal economy, women remain underrepresented in wage employment and leadership positions, constrained by limited access to higher education, entrenched cultural expectations around caregiving, and inadequate childcare support (NSDP website 2025).

By contrast, women dominate the informal sector, engaging in subsistence agriculture, handicrafts, market vending, and caregiving. These activities are essential to household survival but often undervalued and unpaid (World Bank Group Gender Data Portal 2025). Labour mobility schemes, such as New Zealand's Recognized Seasonal Employer program and Australia's Pacific Australia Labor Mobility (PALM) scheme, have created new income opportunities for women, yet they also generate challenges at home, where women must balance caregiving responsibilities and community obligations (Petrou, K. 2021).

Overall, while progress has been made in increasing women's economic participation, systemic inequality and entrenched cultural norms continue to limit sustainable advancement in both sectors.

### 1.3.5 Health and reproductive rights

The *Vanuatu Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2023* provides critical insights into women's health and reproductive rights, revealing both progress and persistent inequities. The findings indicate that while antenatal care coverage and skilled birth attendance are relatively high in urban centres, women in rural and outer island communities continue to face significant barriers to consistent maternal health services. Contraceptive prevalence remains low, with unmet need for family planning widespread, reflecting structural constraints such as limited availability of modern contraceptives, cultural norms, and insufficient dissemination of reproductive health information. Adolescent fertility rates remain high, highlighting gaps in sexual and reproductive health education and access for young women (VBoS 2024b).

Furthermore, knowledge of HIV prevention strategies varies, with many women unable to identify multiple protective measures. Importantly, the survey highlights that women's autonomy in making decisions about their own health care and reproductive choices is often restricted by household

dynamics and cultural expectations, particularly in the rural areas. These findings highlight the necessity of targeted policy interventions to expand reproductive health services, strengthen education initiatives, and promote gender equality in health decision-making across Vanuatu (VBoS 2024b).





## Chapter 2: Research objectives and methodology

### 2.1 Purpose of the study

The purpose of all VWC research, including this survey and the first prevalence study undertaken in 2009 (VWC 2011) is to strengthen the effectiveness of VWC service delivery in all areas of prevention and response – counselling, community awareness and education, training, and legal and policy advocacy.

Research objectives for the 2024 survey are:

- Provide reliable data on the prevalence of violence against women (VAW) in Vanuatu today.
- Provide prevalence data that will be comparable with the first prevalence study conducted in 2009, particularly for current prevalence (current prevalence is defined as violence occurring over the 12 months before the survey interview).
- Provide updated data on women's attitudes to VAW and women's rights in the community.
- Provide updated data on health and other impacts of VAW, risk and protective factors in the family and community, and current coping strategies of women.

By providing data on current prevalence of VAW by age, location, and type of violence, VWC aims to assess the effectiveness of interventions undertaken since the 2009 study. Survey findings on prevalence and the other areas of enquiry provide the potential for all service-providers and stakeholders to understand more about the current nature of the problem of violence against women and girls (VAWG), learn lessons about current interventions, and plan for future interventions.

Other areas of enquiry include: the health, family and community impacts of VAW, including impacts on children; changes (if any) in the types of factors which may increase women's risk of VAW or which may protect her from violence in the family and social and cultural context; and current coping strategies of living with violence, including which service-providers women are most likely to seek help from and why. Box 2.1 provides the specific research questions this study seeks to answer.

#### *Box 2.1: Vanuatu 2024 Survey Research Questions*

##### ***Prevalence and frequency of violence by husbands and partners***

1. What is the prevalence and frequency that women are physically or sexually abused by a current or former intimate partner?
2. What is the prevalence and frequency of other forms of violence by a current or former intimate partner – such as financial abuse, emotional abuse, the use of controlling behaviours (coercive control), and technology facilitated abuse?
3. To what extent does violence occur during pregnancy?
4. To what extent does physical or sexual abuse by a current or former intimate partner occur during or immediately after a disaster or emergency?

##### ***Prevalence and frequency of violence by non-partners***

5. What is the prevalence of physical abuse of women since the age of 15 years, what is the frequency of such abuse as reported by these women, and who are the main perpetrators?
6. What is the prevalence and frequency that women report being forced to have sex against their will, or unwanted sexual contact? At what age does this occur, and who are the main perpetrators?
7. What is the prevalence and frequency of women and girls being sexually harassed? At what age does this occur, and who are the main perpetrators?



8. What is the prevalence and frequency of technology-facilitated abuse? At what age does this occur, and who are the main perpetrators?

***Effects of intimate partner violence on victims/survivors***

9. How does domestic violence impact on women's lives, including their access to education, ability to work and provide for their families, mobility and interaction with their communities?
10. How does intimate partner violence impact on women's physical, mental and reproductive health and women's use of health services?

***Effects of intimate partner violence on children***

11. To what extent is intimate partner violence witnessed by children within the household?
12. What are the consequences of domestic violence against women for their children? Does it appear to affect factors such as their behaviour, school enrolment, or whether children have run away from home?

***Coping strategies of women***

13. What strategies do women use to minimise or try to end the violence? Specifically, to what extent do victims/survivors retaliate against the perpetrator, leave the relationship, and seek help from family members, friends, or different support agencies?

***Attitudes, risks and protective factors***

14. What community factors are associated with the occurrence of intimate partner violence against women? Is there an association with factors such as location, customary practices, female membership of groups, or other elements of women's social capital (such as proximity to family or to their birth community)?
15. What factors in a woman's family, individual and relationship background are associated with intimate partner violence against women – such as women's age, education, partnership status and marriage arrangements, socio-economic status, relative status compared to her husband/partner, behavioural characteristics (such as alcohol use), or past experiences of gender-based violence?
16. What characteristics of women's partners are associated with their perpetration of intimate partner violence (IPV) – such as age, education, occupation, behavioural characteristics (kava, alcohol and drug use, male violence towards other men, extramarital relationships), participation in overseas work, or past experiences of violence?

***Implications for prevention and support services***

17. How does the prevalence of violence against women and girls (VAWG) compare between the 2009 and 2024 studies, and what are the implications for future response and prevention strategies and support services? Have attitudes and risk factors changed, and if so, how?
18. Are there groups (formal and informal) from whom women victims/survivors would like to receive more help – such as chiefs, church leaders and groups, VWC's network, provincial government, police, courts, health centres, and ni-Vanuatu civil society organisations?

## 2.2 Study methodology and overall approach

The first national prevalence survey undertaken in 2009 was guided by the World Health Organisation (WHO) multi-study country questionnaire instrument and methodology, with minor adaptations for the Vanuatu context. The WHO approach was the outcome of an extensive process of international discussion, consultation and rigorous methodological trial (WHO 2007: 25-26). It has been further modified since 2009 based on international experience across all regions of the world.

In the Asia-Pacific region, the kNowVAWdata initiative has served as the principal technical partner for the ongoing development, refinement, and technical management of the WHO questionnaire on violence against women. Housed at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (APRO), kNowVAWdata leads these efforts in partnership with the Australian

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Training and capacity building is provided in collaboration with the University of Melbourne and Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS).

The 2024 study also uses the WHO survey instrument and overall methodology, with further modifications and updates to take into account:

- findings from VWC's qualitative research (VWC 2020a),
- trends and issues identified over several years from VWC's internal qualitative data collection, including from both response and prevention work (see 2.2.2 below), and
- some of the key updates made to the WHO survey instrument since 2009 (Jansen 2020).

The 2009 survey demonstrated that women's organisations such as VWC – with proven capacity to undertake both prevention and response on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW) – bring a range of particular skills and expertise to the design and implementation of a survey. These improve the quality and outcomes of all stages of the research process. In the 2024 survey, VWC used a highly participatory approach to consider all key updates made to the standard WHO instrument, and to develop, refine and test new questions that arose from its own experience and to adapt the survey to the Vanuatu context.

The study was undertaken collaboratively in partnership with the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics (VBoS). A participatory and capacity-building approach was taken throughout all phases, consistent with the feminist principles outlined below. All potential opportunities for capacity-building of key staff were explored and utilised. All phases of the research process – from adaptation of the questionnaire, sample design, data analysis and peer review of this report – were also supported by input from the kNOwVAWdata team to ensure that the study design and implementation reflects current international best practice, and takes into account international learning on research into VAWG (kNOwVAWdata website 2025, <https://knowvawdata.com/> ).

One substantial modification to the WHO approach in the 2009 study was that no dedicated qualitative component was undertaken. Similarly, a qualitative component was not undertaken for the 2024 study, because a very rich store of qualitative case studies is already available through VWC's ongoing documentation for monitoring and evaluation purposes, including from counselling, training and community education activities, and workshops with VWC and branch staff and members of VWC's rural-based committees against violence against women (CAVAWs). Financial limitations also precluded an additional qualitative component.

### 2.2.1 Sample design<sup>1</sup>

The design for the 2024 survey was guided by the sample size and design used for the 2009 survey, and was adjusted to improve both the design effect and to address safety and confidentiality concerns. As for the previous survey, the sample design used 8 strata: each of Vanuatu's 6 provinces (Torba, Sanma, Penama, Malampa, Shefa and Tafea) and both urban areas Port Vila and Luganville.

The aim was to have a nationally representative sample, that also enabled reliable rural provincial and urban estimates of the prevalence of violence against women for each location. VBoS staff, supported by a kNOwVAWdata technical consultant (Henriette Jansen) designed the survey sample.

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<sup>1</sup> The text for this section is drawn from the report of the technical consultant, Jansen 2024: 5-6. Dr. Jansen was contracted by VWC with assistance from kNOwVAWdata and the University of Melbourne to support VWC and VBoS with the design of the survey sample, using a participatory and capacity-building/mentoring approach.

As in the 2009 survey a target sample of 3,000 households was chosen, inflated to allow for possible non-response (households not available, refusals, no eligible women, dwelling destroyed, or other reasons).

*Box 2.2: Summary of sample design for 2024 survey*

- The sample design is a multistage, stratified, cluster sample of households.
- The 8 strata consist of 6 rural provinces and 2 urban areas, covering the entire country.
- The target sample size of women is 3000. To achieve this about 3650 households are to be selected.
- 1st stage: 214 clusters/EAs are allocated to the strata with square-root distribution proportional to population size of the strata. Within each stratum, the clusters/EAs are systematically selected with probability to size.
- 2nd stage: Each cluster size is 17 households; households are systematically selected within each EA from a list of households (for small EAs, 2 neighbouring EAs are combined).
- 3rd stage: One woman in the eligible age group 15-64 is selected from each household.

Source: Jansen 2024: 6. Note: EA – enumeration area.

1st Stage: To achieve the required sample size nationwide, 214 clusters/enumeration areas (EAs) were selected, each with 17 households (a total of 3638 households). As a compromise between equal size allocation (that is, the same number of clusters allocated to each location, regardless of population size) and proportional allocation (the number of clusters allocated in proportion to population size), a square root allocation was chosen, which allocated relatively more clusters to smaller provinces and less clusters to bigger provinces. This enabled reliable national estimates, as well as adequate precision for the survey estimates in every province.

*Box 2.3: Sampling options considered to achieve a national sample of 3000 women, with representative estimates for each of the 8 strata/locations*

| Location     | #EAs       | Total Pop      | Total #HH     | Average #HH/EA | Option 1: Proportional allocation |                | Option 2: Square Root allocation |                | Option 3: Equal size allocation |                |
|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
|              |            |                |               |                | #EAs (prop to pop)                | #HH (17 HH/EA) | #EAs (Sq Root)                   | #HH (17 HH/EA) | #EAs (equal size)               | #HH (17 HH/EA) |
| Torba        | 32         | 11,215         | 2,392         | 75             | 8                                 | 136            | 16                               | 272            | 26                              | 442            |
| Luganville   | 48         | 17,407         | 3,584         | 75             | 13                                | 221            | 19                               | 323            | 26                              | 442            |
| Sanma        | 127        | 42,245         | 9,306         | 73             | 31                                | 527            | 29                               | 493            | 27                              | 459            |
| Penama       | 122        | 34,123         | 7,863         | 64             | 25                                | 425            | 26                               | 442            | 27                              | 459            |
| Malampa      | 151        | 41,506         | 9,715         | 64             | 30                                | 510            | 29                               | 493            | 27                              | 459            |
| Port Vila    | 119        | 40,634         | 9,436         | 79             | 30                                | 510            | 29                               | 493            | 27                              | 459            |
| Shefa        | 148        | 61,934         | 12,830        | 87             | 45                                | 765            | 36                               | 612            | 27                              | 459            |
| Tafea        | 131        | 44,899         | 8,239         | 63             | 33                                | 561            | 30                               | 510            | 27                              | 459            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>881</b> | <b>293,963</b> | <b>63,365</b> | <b>72</b>      | <b>215</b>                        | <b>3655</b>    | <b>214</b>                       | <b>3638</b>    | <b>214</b>                      | <b>3638</b>    |

Source: Jansen 2024: 6. Notes: EA – enumeration area, HH – households.

At the second stage, 17 households (addresses) were systematically selected from the list of households in the selected enumeration areas, using the Vanuatu 2020 census as a sampling frame. If an enumeration area with 55 or less households was selected, this would be combined with the next one on the list so that households would not be too close to each other. (EAs in Vanuatu have 72 households on average, ranging from as few as 10 to as many as 300 households in one EA).

At the third stage one eligible woman aged 15-64 was randomly selected among all eligible women in a selected household. This selection was made during the household interview, before the

individual woman's interview, using the KISH grid method (VWC 2024a: 12-17). A 4-step process was used:

- identifying all eligible women in the household,
- assigning a number between 1 to 8 to each eligible woman (starting with the youngest),
- identifying the household number on the grid, and
- selecting the number of the eligible woman where the column (number of women in the household) and row (household number) intersects.

#### *Box 2.4: Actual sample in the database*

| Province/<br>location | Actual Sample in Database    |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|                       | # of<br>enumeration<br>areas | # of<br>households |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Torba                 | 16                           | 265                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two EAs were replaced towards the end of the fieldwork at VWC's request due to the inaccessibility of these locations over several weeks, due to bad weather including repeated marine warnings (see section 2.3 below for more details).</li> <li>• There were a smaller number of households selected for the overall sample (3553 rather than 3638).</li> <li>• The average number of households per EA over the total database is 16.6; the number of households per EA by location ranges between of 14.7 in Port Vila and 17.6 in Tafea.</li> </ul> |
| Luganville            | 19                           | 325                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sanma                 | 29                           | 497                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Penama                | 27                           | 458                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Malampa               | 29                           | 486                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Port Vila             | 29                           | 427                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Shefa                 | 36                           | 582                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Tafea                 | 29                           | 513                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>214</b>                   | <b>3553</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

Source: Hunt 2024: 1.

## 2.2.2 Questionnaire and its adaptation

VWC used two template questionnaires to guide the adaptation of the questionnaire in 2024:

- VWC's own 2009 questionnaire, which was modelled on version 10 of the WHO multi-country study questionnaire, and included several adaptations for the Vanuatu context (VWC and VNSO 2011: 195-238); and
- Version 12.06 of the WHO template questionnaire, updated in August 2020 (Jansen 2020).

The 2024 paper version of the questionnaire is attached at Annex 1. It includes an introductory section, and the individual women's questionnaire. The introductory section includes three parts:

- the administration form, which contains details of the number of visits and their outcomes;
- the household selection form, where the interviewers introduce themselves to the household, and gather key data to determine the number of eligible women; and
- the household questionnaire which gathers data about household assets.

The women's questionnaire begins with an explanation of the purpose of the survey and the commitment to confidentiality, and provides an opportunity for the respondent to ask questions before proceeding to the individual consent form. Most sections of the questionnaire begin with an explanation of the content, and consent is re-confirmed at two key points before asking questions about women's experiences of violence by husbands/intimate partners and non-partners (sections 7 and 10). The consent process explicitly advises women of their right to stop the interview at any time, or to skip any questions that they don't want to answer. The woman's questionnaire includes twelve sections (see Box 2.5 for a summary of the content of each section).

### **Adaptations to the 2024 questionnaire**

All 2009 Vanuatu survey adaptations were retained in the 2024 survey (Box 2.5). Most updates to the standard WHO tool were incorporated into the 2024 version, with the exception of a series of



questions added to several sections of the questionnaire to enable an assessment of the economic costs of violence against women. These new questions have been used in Mongolia (Chadha, et.al. 2020) and Vietnam (MOLISA et. al. 2020). VWC rejected this option because they significantly extend the length of the questionnaire, the methodological complexities in analysing the data, and the added financial costs of analysing and publishing this data.

Instead, VWC chose to prioritise the additions already made in 2009, and other higher priority topics that have emerged from VWC's work since 2009 (see Box 2.5):

- Women's experiences of violence by husbands and partners in emergencies.
- Women's experiences of technology-facilitated abuse, and its circumstances (such as in overseas seasonal worker situations) by husbands/partners, as well as non-partner technology facilitated sexual abuse.
- The prevalence of sexual harassment by non-partners.

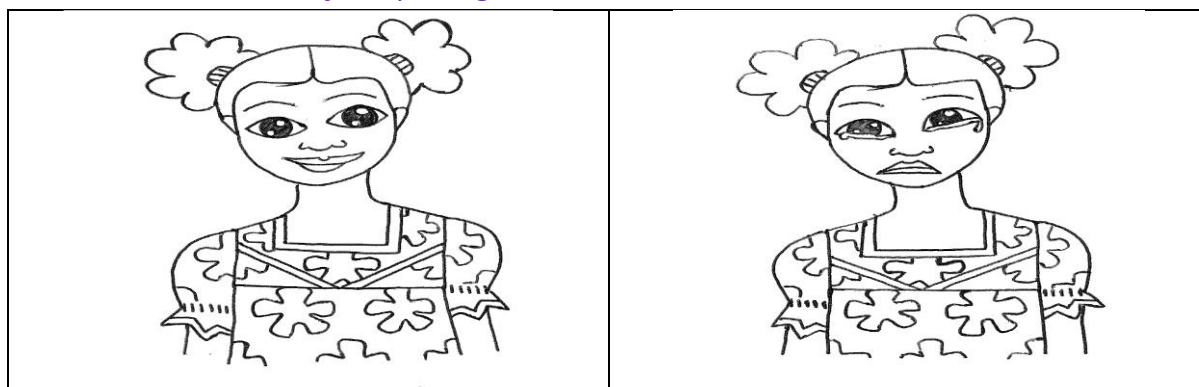
*Box 2.5: Summary of the women's questionnaire and adaptations made by VWC*

| <b>Sections of the Women's Questionnaire</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Adaptations made to the WHO template in 2009, and in 2024</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Section 1: Respondent and her community:</b><br>Questions on the demographic characteristics of women, and elements of social capital such as proximity to family and birth community, and attendance at community meetings.                                                                                           | Adaptations by VWC in 2009 and retained in 2024 focused on who may have prevented women from engaging with key social networks, and women's choice of husband.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Section 2: General health:</b><br>Questions about women's physical and mental health, including during the past 4 weeks, the use of medications and health services, and frequency of smoking and drinking.                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptations by VWC retained from the 2009 VWC survey include the addition of home brew and kava.</li> <li>• Adaptations introduced from the updated WHO tool include: replacing one question on whether the respondent had a disability, with 6 questions on disability functions (Washington Group on Disability Statistics, 2020); and replacing 20 self-reporting questions on psychological distress (the SRQ-20 measurement tool, WHO 1994) with 6 questions from the Kessler Screening Scale for Psychological Distress (Kessler et. al. 2002).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Section 3: Reproductive health:</b> Questions on the respondent's history of pregnancy, births, miscarriages, contraceptive use, and husband's/partner's responses to family planning.                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptations introduced by VWC for the 2024 survey focused on acts of reproductive coercion.</li> <li>• Adaptations introduced from the updated WHO tool included the deletion of several questions on condom use.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Section 4: Children:</b><br>Questions on the number of live children, the nature of the most recent pregnancy, and the behaviour of children of school age, from 6 to 14 years.                                                                                                                                        | Adaptations introduced from the updated WHO tool include the deletion of several questions that overlap with other surveys or have not yielded useful data for understanding violence against women and girls (VAWG).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Section 5: Current or most recent husband or partner:</b><br>Questions on demographic characteristics, frequency of selected behaviours such as drinking, smoking, physical fighting with other men, and whether he had relationships or children with other women while he was in a relationship with the respondent. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptations by VWC retained from the 2009 Vanuatu survey include the addition of home brew, kava and gambling.</li> <li>• Adaptations introduced from the updated WHO tool include questions on whether there was a history of violence in the husband's/partner's childhood, or whether he was hit or beaten as a child (these questions were in section 10 of the questionnaire in the 2009 survey and original WHO tool).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Section 6: Attitudes:</b><br>Questions on attitudes to gender roles and women's human rights, situations where a man may have "good reason" for physical                                                                                                                                                               | Adaptations by VWC retained from the 2009 Vanuatu survey focused on cultural practices (taboos on women touching food during menstruation, the custom of swapping or exchanging girls for marriage, bride price), expectations related to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Sections of the Women's Questionnaire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Adaptations made to the WHO template in 2009, and in 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| violence against his wife/partner, and attitudes to women's sexual autonomy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | pregnancy, and additional questions on situations where a man may have "good reason" for hitting his wife (such as for discipline or educating her), or for refusing sex.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><u>Section 7: Respondent and her partner:</u><br/>Questions on the respondent's experiences of violence by any current or former intimate partner including controlling behaviours by the husband/partner, emotional, physical and sexual violence, including violence during pregnancy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions by VWC retained from the 2009 survey included specific forms of control and abuse relevant to the Vanuatu context.</li> <li>• Additional sections introduced by VWC to the 2024 survey tool included: questions on violence by husbands/partners during or immediately after disasters and emergencies; and experiences of technology facilitated abuse by the husband/partner, including when either he or the respondent were working or studying overseas.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><u>Section 8: Injuries:</u><br/>Questions on the frequency, type and severity of injuries resulting from physical violence by a husband/partner, and the use of health services for these injuries.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions by VWC retained from the 2009 survey included specific types of injuries known to occur due to partner violence, and a question on permanent disability caused by intimate partner violence.</li> <li>• The WHO 2020 tool had deleted two questions on loss of consciousness from the template, but these were retained in Vanuatu's 2024 survey due to the high prevalence of this impact found in 2009 (VWC and VNSO 2011: 109-111) and the potential significant health impacts of repeated loss of consciousness as women age.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><u>Section 9: Impact and coping:</u><br/>Questions on the situations that trigger violence by husbands/partners, whether children witnessed the violence, the association between physical violence and rape by the husband/partner, whether women retaliated and the impact of this, her view of the impact of the violence on her physical and spiritual well-being and work, and any actions she took to tell anyone about the violence or seek help (including leaving home), and the reasons for doing so or not doing so.</p> | <p>Additions by VWC retained from the 2009 survey included whether children were also beaten during violent incidents, whether women took their children when they left home and the reasons why/why not; and contextual adaptations of responses relating to women's reasons for seeking help or not doing so.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><u>Section 10: Other experiences:</u><br/>Questions on women's experiences of physical and sexual violence by people other than husbands/partners since the age of 15, child sexual assault, the respondent's first sexual experience, and whether there was a history of violence towards the respondent's mother in her family.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions by VWC retained from the 2009 survey included some minor adjustments to perpetrators of violence against women and girls relevant to the Vanuatu context.</li> <li>• Additional sections added by VWC to the 2024 survey included: questions on sexual harassment at work, at educational institutions, or in other places; and experiences of technology facilitated sexual abuse by non-partners.</li> <li>• The WHO 2020 tool incorporated many changes to gather additional information on: the sex of all non-partner perpetrators, both lifetime and current prevalence rates, and the location of acts of abuse; in 2009, the standard tool focused only on male perpetrators and lifetime prevalence. An additional section was also added on physical and emotional abuse before the age of 15 years. All of these were included in the VWC 2024 survey.</li> </ul> |
| <p><u>Section 11: Financial autonomy:</u><br/>Questions on the respondent's ownership of assets, control over her own income, women's experiences of economic/financial violence, and capacity</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions by VWC retained from the 2009 included a question on whether she could raise enough money to pay back bride price on her own, and some minor alterations to women's means of earning income and ownership of assets relevant to the Vanuatu context.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Sections of the Women's Questionnaire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Adaptations made to the WHO template in 2009, and in 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| to support herself and her family in an emergency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The WHO 2020 tool had redistributed questions in this section to other parts of the questionnaire; VWC retained the original 2009 layout in 2024 but added new WHO questions to capture both lifetime and current prevalence of financial violence.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Section 12: Completion of interview:</b></p> <p>This includes 2 scripted endings depending on whether women disclosed violence, a question on how they felt after the interview, and an opportunity for anonymous reporting of child sexual abuse using a face card, where the happy face is chosen if the women did not experience child sexual abuse, and the sad face chosen if she did experience this (Box 2.6).</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

*Box 2.6: Face cards used for reporting child sexual assault*



Some of the questions used on sexual harassment were adapted from the 2020 version of the WHO tool. Others were developed by VWC. All were tested and refined in a series of workshops, culminating in a cognitive testing workshop in Bislama, which resulted in final amendments. Workshop participants included VWC staff with varying levels of education, background, employment roles, and understanding of the issue of violence against women.

In addition to the areas listed in Box 2.5, VWC's qualitative research and documentation and changes in the Vanuatu context required minor changes across several sections to include Authorised Persons under the Family Protection Act as an option for seeking help, the inclusion of adoptive family members as potential perpetrators of abuse before and after the age of 15, and the inclusion of questions to enable VWC to test associations with overseas seasonal work. Members of the kNOwVAWdata team provided technical support and peer review as adaptations were being made.

### Mode of data collection

VWC's partner, VBoS, recommended the use of VBoS android tablets for electronic data collection, rather than administering the paper questionnaire manually. VBoS uses the free Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) Survey Solutions software for Android devices (World Bank, n.d. and FAO 2018) and has a dedicated server. Enumeration areas were assigned electronically to the team supervisors in the field using the software on their tablets, including maps and household lists.

## 2.2.3 Operational definitions

### Eligible and ever-partnered women

Some sections of the women's questionnaire were asked of all eligible women, some were asked of "ever-partnered" women, and others were asked only of those women who had disclosed violence by their husbands or partners. Eligible women were those aged between 15 and 64 years who lived

in the household (in accordance with the expanded age range routinely used in WHO surveys in recent years), whereas in the 2009 survey, only women 15-49 were considered eligible. This includes visitors, friends and other relatives if they slept in the household for the past 4 weeks, or domestic workers (“house-girls”) if they slept 5 nights a week or more in the house. Only one eligible woman was interviewed per household; in households with more than one eligible woman or girl, the respondent was selected randomly (see section 2.2.1 above). In households with no eligible women, neither the household questionnaire nor the individual woman’s interview was done.

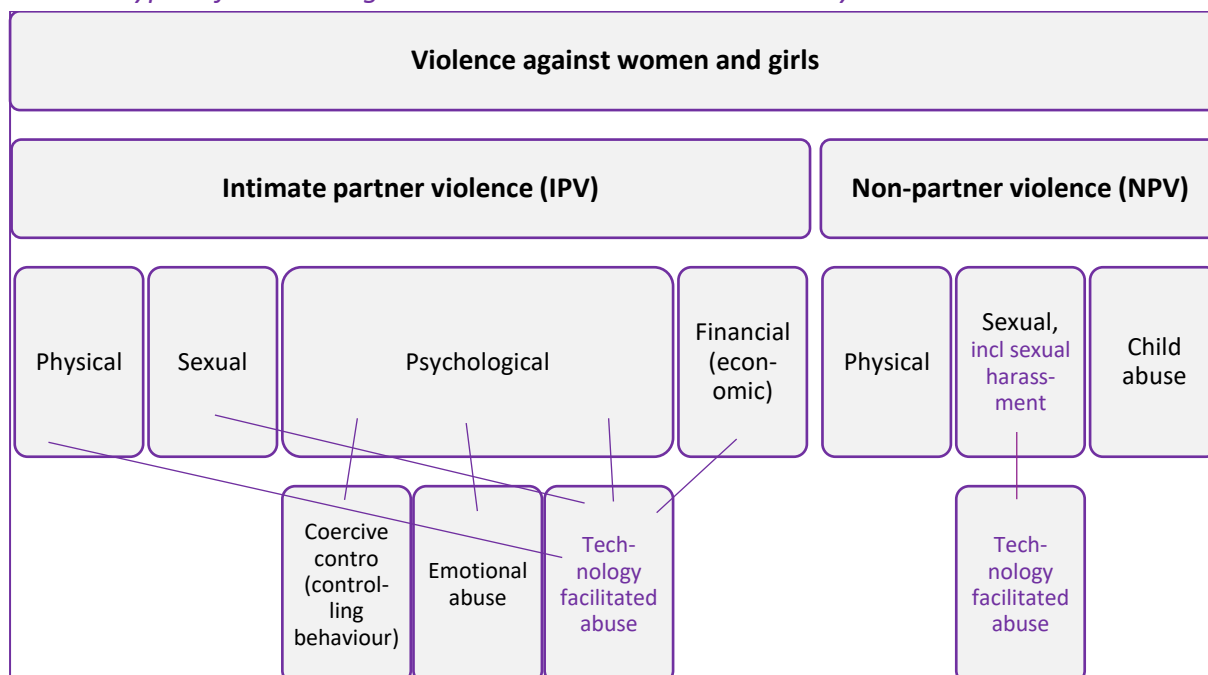
Ever-partnered women are those who could have ever been potentially at risk of experiencing violence by a husband or partner. This was broadly defined as women and girls who were ever in an intimate sexual relationship with a man. This includes women who were ever legally married, those who ever lived with a male partner including in a de facto relationship, those who ever had a regular intimate male partner but never lived with him, and those who ever had an intimate relationship with a man they were dating. (The same definition was also used in 2009.) According to Vanuatu law, civil, religious and customary marriages are all considered as formal legal unions.

### Types of violence against women and girls

Violence against women and girls is defined in the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women as occurring in three domains: the family, the community, and violence perpetrated or condoned by the State. This includes any act of violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion, arbitrary deprivation of liberty, battering, sexual abuse of female children, marital rape, and traditional practices harmful to women (UN General Assembly 1993).

The survey methodology uses behavioural definitions for the different types of violence, focusing on specific acts of violence. Box 2.5 summarises the types of violence measured by the survey, and operational definitions for each type are provided in Box 2.7.

#### Box 2.7: Types of violence against women measured in the survey



Source: Adapted for the Vanuatu survey from the original by Jessica Gardner, appearing in Jansen 2018: 12.

Some slightly different terminology is used by VWC in its work, compared to that used internationally. VWC prefers to use the term financial violence rather than economic violence, but the specific acts measured and used to generate prevalence data are the same as the standard international measures. (Two additional measures of financial autonomy are measured by reported separately.) Similarly, “coercive control” is commonly used by VWC, rather than “controlling behaviours”, although the specific acts measured are the same with only one addition by VWC to the international standard definition (see Box 2.8). Psychological violence encompasses acts of both emotional abuse and coercive control, although prevalence for both is measured separately and there is significant overlap between the two. In its counselling work, VWC has found that technology facilitated abuse by husbands and partners may cut across some or all other types of intimate partner violence, depending on the particular case. This is supported by a discussion paper on the measurement of technology-facilitated gender-based violence which maps these forms of abuse to the established forms of IPV typically measured in prevalence surveys (University of Melbourne – United Nations Population Fund 2023).

The international definition for the prevalence of non-partner sexual violence includes rape, attempted rape and unwanted touching, and this indicator is used in reporting the prevalence of sexual violence, to facilitate regional and international comparisons. VWC’s definition includes all the acts in the international definition, as well as sexual harassment. The total of all sexual violence as defined by VWC is also reported.

*Box 2.8: Operational definitions of the types of violence used to generate prevalence data*

| Type of violence                                                      | Operational definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Physical violence by a husband/partner</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Slapped her or thrown something at her that could hurt her</li> <li>b) Pushed her or shoved her or pulled her hair</li> <li>c) Hit her with his fist or with something else that could hurt her</li> <li>d) Kicked, dragged or beaten her up</li> <li>e) Choked or burned her on purpose</li> <li>f) <i>Threatened to use a gun, knife, wood, iron, axe or other weapon against her</i></li> <li>g) Actually used a gun, knife, <i>wood, iron, axe</i> or other weapon against her</li> </ul>             |
| <b>Sexual violence by a husband/partner</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Forced her to have sexual intercourse when she did not want to</li> <li>b) She had sexual intercourse when she did not want to because she was afraid of what her partner might do</li> <li>c) Forced her to do something sexual that she found degrading or humiliating</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Emotional violence by a husband/partner</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Insulted her or made her feel bad about herself</li> <li>b) <i>Belittled or humiliated her in front of her parents or family</i></li> <li>c) Belittled or humiliated her in front of other people</li> <li>d) Done things to scare or intimidate her on purpose, e.g. by the way he looked at her, by yelling or smashing things</li> <li>e) Threatened to hurt her or someone she cares about</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |
| <b>Coercive control (controlling behaviours) by a husband/partner</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Tried to keep her from seeing her friends</li> <li>b) Tried to restrict contact with her family of birth</li> <li>c) Insisted on knowing where she is at all times</li> <li>d) Ignored her or treated her indifferently</li> <li>e) Got angry if she spoke with another man</li> <li>f) Was often suspicious that she was unfaithful</li> <li>g) Expected her to ask permission before seeking health care for herself</li> <li>h) <i>Expected her to ask permission before doing anything</i></li> </ul> |



| Type of violence                                                                                                                                      | Operational definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Financial / economic violence</b>                                                                                                                  | a) Prevented her from getting or continuing with a job <i>or</i> scholarship, or earning money (by trading, or any income-generating activity)<br>b) Took her earnings <i>or</i> savings from her against her will<br>c) Refused to give her money for household expenses, even when he has money for other things<br>d) <i>Respondent able to decide herself how she spends her own earnings, versus being required to give all or part to her husband/partner (measure of financial autonomy not included in prevalence indicator)</i><br>e) <i>Respondent must ask permission from husband/partner before spending money (measure of financial autonomy not included in prevalence indicator)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Technology facilitated abuse by a husband/partner</b>                                                                                              | a) <i>Restricted access to her phone, any other internet device, or social media sites</i><br>b) <i>Asked her to perform sexual acts on the phone or another device that she did not want, including while recording her</i><br>c) <i>Sent messages or images or made her watch something of a sexual nature that she did not want</i><br>d) <i>Asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature that she did not want</i><br>e) <i>Threatened to share private or sexual images of her on any social media site, or actually did share them, without her permission</i><br>f) <i>Monitored her phone or other devices to track her movements, who she talks to or where she goes</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Non-partner violence</b>                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Non-partner physical violence</b>                                                                                                                  | a) Slapped, hit, beaten, kicked or anything else to hurt her<br>b) Thrown something at her, pushed her or pulled her hair<br>c) Choked or burned her on purpose<br>d) Threatened with or actually used a gun, knife or other weapon against her                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Non-partner sexual violence</b><br>- Forced intercourse<br>- Attempted forced intercourse & unwanted sexual touching<br>- <i>Sexual harassment</i> | a) Forced her to have sexual intercourse when she did not want to<br>b) Forced to have sexual intercourse when she was too drunk or drugged to refuse<br>c) Forced or persuaded to have sex against her will with more than one man at the same time<br>d) Attempted to force her into sexual intercourse when she did not want to, for example by holding her down or putting her in a situation where she could not say no<br>e) Touched her sexually against her will<br>f) Made her touch their private parts against her will<br>g) <i>Asked her to perform a sexual act in order to get or keep a job or get promoted</i><br>h) <i>Repeatedly asked her on a date, in order to get or keep a job or get promoted</i><br>i) <i>Asked intrusive questions at work about her private life, or made sexual comments, jokes or gestures that made her feel uncomfortable</i><br>j) <i>Asked her to perform a sexual act in order to pass an exam or get good grades at any educational institution</i><br>k) <i>Had sexual comments, gestures or jokes that offended her in other places, not related to work or school</i> |
| <b>Non-partner technology facilitated abuse</b>                                                                                                       | a) <i>Asked her to perform sexual acts on the phone or another device that she did not want, including while recording her</i><br>b) <i>Sent messages or images or made her watch something of a sexual nature that she did not want</i><br>c) <i>Asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature that she did not want</i><br>d) <i>Threatened to share private or sexual images of her on any social media site, or actually did share them, without her permission</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Type of violence                          | Operational definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Child abuse</b>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Child sexual abuse</b>                 | Before she was 15 years old, someone had touched her sexually or made her do something sexual that she did not want to such as:<br>a) Touching her breasts and private parts<br>b) Making sexual remarks or showing her sexually explicit pictures against her will<br>c) Made her touch their private parts<br>d) Had sex or tried to have sex with her |
| <b>Child physical and emotional abuse</b> | Before she was 15 years old, someone in her family <i>or adoptive family</i> :<br>a) Slapped or spanked her (with hand)<br>b) Beaten or kicked her or hit her with fist<br>c) Hit her with a belt, stick, broom, <i>iron, wood</i> , or something else<br>d) Tied her with a rope<br>e) Insulted or humiliated her regularly                             |

Source: Adapted for the Vanuatu survey from Jansen 2021: 17-18.

*Note: Adaptations for the Vanuatu context are italicised.*

### Prevalence of violence against women: two ways of measuring

“Prevalence refers to the proportion of women who have experienced violence as part of the population of women ‘at risk’. Prevalence rates are thus based on counting people rather than events or incidents.” (Jansen 2016: 6). For intimate partner violence, only ever-partnered women who currently have an intimate partner, or who have had an intimate partner in the past, would be considered ‘at risk’. For all forms of non-partner violence, all women who completed the survey are asked these questions and may be considered to be ‘at risk’.

Two reference periods are used for measuring prevalence. Both are important because they provide different windows into women’s lives, and provide different types of pointers for reflection and action (see Box 2.9). These are usually presented as the percentage or proportion of women who have experienced violence either:

- during the previous 12 months before the survey (**current prevalence**),
- or at any time in their life (**lifetime prevalence**).

#### Box 2.9: Two measures of prevalence of violence against women and girls

|                                   | What is being measured                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | What it tells us and how we can use it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Prevalence</b>                 | This shows the percentage (for example 60%) or proportion (for example 6 out of 10, or 3 out of 5) who experienced <u>at least one or more acts of violence</u> . For example:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ % of women aged 15-64 who experience coercive control by an intimate partner in their lifetime</li> <li>▪ % of girls under 15 who experienced sexual abuse</li> <li>▪ % of women who experience physical intimate partner violence in the last 12 months</li> </ul> | We need to know the following things about any prevalence rate:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Which women or girls are in the denominator? Is it <u>ever-partnered</u> women, or is it <u>all</u> women?</li> <li>▪ What age ranges are included?</li> <li>▪ What <u>type</u> of violence is being measured (see Box 2.5 and 2.6 for the different types measured in the survey).</li> <li>▪ Is the prevalence rate measuring <u>lifetime</u> or <u>current</u> prevalence?</li> <li>▪ <i>Prevalence does not tell us how long the violence lasted, or how often it occurred – just that it occurred at least once.</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>Lifetime prevalence (ever)</b> | This shows the percentage or proportion who experienced one or more acts <u>over their lifetime</u><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It may have happened yesterday, or many years ago</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>This is most important for prevention work, including advocacy and awareness, because it shows us how many women have ever been subjected to violence, which damages individuals, families, and communities.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

|                                                                                                                 | What is being measured                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | What it tells us and how we can use it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Current prevalence (last 12 months)</b><br>This will be the same or lower than the lifetime prevalence rate. | This shows the percentage/proportion who experienced one of more acts of violence <u>in the previous 12 months before the survey</u> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This includes violence that has only just recently begun (for example, with younger women), as well as violence that may have been going on for many years – as long as it occurred in the last 12 months.</li> </ul> | This is most important for planning services – because it shows how many women are living with violence <u>right now</u> or <u>very recently</u> , and who may need help.<br>This is the most useful rate for measuring the effectiveness or impact of policies, programs and prevention activities – because it shows <u>only</u> those women who experienced violence recently, so is a good comparator with previous or future surveys. |

Source: Adapted from Jansen 2016: 7.

Following the international standard at the time, the Vanuatu 2009 survey asked respondents about physical, sexual or emotional abuse by a husband/partner, in the previous 12 months, or before the previous 12 months. Respondents were also asked how frequently the violent acts had occurred: once, a few times or many times. Current prevalence and the frequency of abusive acts were not included for coercive control in the 2009 survey, but have been incorporated into the 2024 survey. Financial violence was not reported as a standard prevalence measure in 2009, but questions on current prevalence and frequency are included in the 2024 survey, in line with international standards.

Similarly, the 2009 standard WHO tool only included questions on lifetime prevalence for all forms of non-partner violence against women and girls. In 2024, questions are also asked about current prevalence and frequency for physical and sexual non-partner violence. However questions on technology facilitated abuse focus only on the lifetime. This choice was made to reduce the complexity and length of the questionnaire. Given that eligible women are aged 15 to 64, current prevalence is not relevant for child sexual abuse.

## 2.2.4 Principles of a Feminist and Ethical Approach to the Study

### A feminist approach

In the context of VWC's two surveys, a feminist approach requires recognising the autonomy of VWC as a local civil society organisation, including the expertise and experience that a local women's organisation like VWC brings to a research process. Although there is no universal agreement about what defines a feminist research process, some principles include the following:<sup>2</sup>

- Recognition that gender power inequalities influence the interpretation of research questions and processes, and a commitment to taking women's perspectives into account when designing research questions, processes and findings.
- Acknowledgement of potential power differences between the researcher and the researched, and how this may influence both the findings themselves and their interpretation.
- A participatory approach to understanding and contextualising the perspectives of research participants, and interpreting the meaning of the findings based on local experience and knowledge, including knowledge that may not be formally documented.
- Commitment to promoting changes in gender power relations, and therefore ensuring that the research is useful for VWC and other stakeholders to reflect on strategies and outcomes to increase the effectiveness of work to eliminate violence against women and children. This includes a commitment to disseminate and use the findings to bring about positive change to

<sup>2</sup> These points are based on a presentation by Juliet Hunt and documented in VWC 2014 "Draft Method Paper: Research on Custom, Violence Against Women and Girls and Human Rights", unpublished paper documenting workshop discussions with VWC staff, Port Vila.

end violence against women and children. (VWC has continued to use the findings from the 2009 study to this day, which demonstrates both an ethical commitment as well as value for money.)

- Commitment to taking validity, reliability and credibility seriously, so that social changes towards gender equality can be promoted based on sound findings; this means that a high-quality and rigorous research process must be a core element of a sound feminist approach.

### An ethical approach

Research on violence against women is different in several ways from other quantitative research because of the ethical issues posed, and the potentially threatening and traumatic nature of the subject matter to both respondents and interviewers (Ellsberg and Heise 2005: 35-45). A scientifically unsound or invalid research design is unethical because any research on violence against women poses safety risks to both the women interviewed and fieldworkers. Privacy and confidentiality are needed when interviewing women about violence against women, to ensure the safety of women and researchers, and to ensure the validity of the findings by minimising the risk of under-reporting.

Ethical principles and protocols for conducting research on VAW underpins every aspect of the WHO methodology. Key principles and practices used in the Vanuatu surveys include the following (WHO 2001).

- The safety of research participants, particularly women and girls, is given the highest priority consideration when conducting all aspects of the survey.
- Because research on violence against women can put women at some risk, the research design and method should be of the highest quality – otherwise it shouldn't be carried out.
- It is important to build on earlier research rather than duplicate it, due to the risks to women and girls who engage in research processes, to ensure that knowledge is increased and to minimise the risks of under-reporting.
- Honest recording and reporting of findings is essential, including ensuring that findings are properly and accurately interpreted, so that they can usefully be used to reflect on and inform future policy and program development.
- Protocols for referrals must be in place in case there are disclosures of violence and/or requests for assistance from research participants or other community members during fieldwork. VWC found that this occurred in both the 2009 and 2024 surveys. (Several urgent cases and referrals were dealt with during the 2024 study). Every woman who participated was offered a small card with the number of VWC's free emergency line; most women took the card, but a few did not due to their fear of it being discovered by their husband/partner.
- Informed consent and voluntary participation are essential. Sufficient information needs to be provided to participants before they are asked to consent – including on the research objectives, how long the interview with participants is likely to take, and how the findings will be used. It needs to be made clear that participants can withdraw their participation at any time, without any negative consequences. (The findings show that this occurred rarely during the 2024 fieldwork; there were eight cases where individual interviews with women were partially completed.) Consent is obtained verbally from respondents, and confirmed with the interviewer's signature.
- Clear guidelines are needed on confidentiality for research respondents with consequences for breaches of this key principle.
- All interviewers are carefully selected and trained to ensure that they understand the ethical and safety principles and protocols. Field work team supervisors are also selected and trained to ensure that interviewers are well-supported throughout the process and that data quality is maintained.

Ethical and safety protocols were documented and in place for the 2009 survey; all were revisited and revised where needed for the 2024 study. No ethical clearance procedures exist in Vanuatu, although approval for research projects is required and was obtained from the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics, VWC's partner in the survey.

Throughout the survey, a "safe name" was used which was accurate regarding content but did not mention the term "violence": Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships. All team supervisors and interviewers were honest with community leaders and participants about the fact that VWC was conducting the survey in partnership with VBoS. Daily debriefings were facilitated by team supervisors during the fieldwork; this was a key mechanism for monitoring the quality of the interviewing process and interviewer trauma, as well as for regular discussion and identification of health and safety issues within the teams.

## 2.3 Fieldwork training and implementation

### Interviewer selection and training

During the implementation of the 2009 survey, VWC utilised its rural network of committees against violence against women (CAVAWs) as interviewers; this proved beneficial due to their knowledge of the issues of VAWG, as well as of local island customs and language. A similar approach was taken to the 2024 survey, but selection criteria were adapted to emphasise a capacity to understand the content of such a long and complex questionnaire, and the use of electronic devices such as tablets for implementing the survey.

There were 57 participants in the fieldwork training. VWC followed the recommended practice of training more people than needed, to ensure a complete fieldwork team could be put together. VWC had a target of 6 people (one supervisor and 5 interviewers) to be selected to work on each of the 8 teams, with a final fieldwork team of 48 plus 3 data checkers to be located at VWC's office. Training participants included:

- 11 staff and volunteers from VWC and the Branches (including at least one from each centre); some had participated in VWC's first survey in 2009, and 8 were identified as team leaders during the training and appointed to the role of supervisors during the fieldwork.
- 40 CAVAW members from across each of VWC's 6 provinces.
- 6 people already trained by VBoS as data enumerators for other surveys. (VWC requested VBoS to recommend 3 to work on fieldwork teams as interviewers, and 3 who could work as data checkers at VWC's office during the fieldwork.)

The training was conducted over 5 weeks from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April through to Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

- Week 1 of the training focused on gender, violence against women and human rights (VWC's standard curriculum on the issues of violence against women and children, facilitated by VWC's Coordinator and Community Educator); this was a refresher for CAVAWs and staff, and new content for the VBoS-trained enumerators.
- Weeks 2 and 3 focused on interviewing techniques, section by section review of the paper questionnaire with practice in small group roleplays, with daily presentations to the full group on how to introduce the questionnaire to community meetings, community leaders, husbands/partners and the women selected for interview. This was facilitated by VWC's Research Consultant and Research Officer.
- Weeks 4 and 5 focused on practising interview skills using the tablets, mapping, a pilot survey and debriefing, followed by concurrent sessions including ongoing practice on tablets in roleplays, supervisor and data checkers training, and individual coaching/mentoring of selected interviewers to increase their readiness for fieldwork. A kNOwVAWdata team



member from the University of Melbourne and VBoS staff joined the VWC Research Consultant and Research Officer as facilitator for various sessions.

Of the VWC staff, volunteers and CAVAW members who attended the training, 10 had participated as either supervisors, editors or interviewers in VWC's 2009 survey. This more experienced group (5 staff and 5 CAVAW members) contributed much valuable experience to the training regarding the likely challenges regarding safety, transport and communication issues, and how they addressed them in 2009. This was a huge advantage in the training (and fieldwork), since it assisted other participants to reflect on how they could handle any potentially difficult situations regarding safety and communications with leaders, respondents, or their male partners and other relatives. The 6 participants recommended by VBoS as interviewers and data checkers brought a different type of experience, being more familiar with and able to understand the mechanics of using tablets.

All CAVAW participants and the VWC staff brought sound understanding of the issues, which helped them to understand the meaning and importance of the questions. Most have long-term experience of dealing with chiefs, other leaders and male partners, which was demonstrated in daily roleplays in front of the whole group. They are very experienced at keeping themselves safe in their day-to-day work as staff as CAVAW members, and at assessing and resolving safety risks in communities. The majority also already had a good understanding of the need to ask questions sensitively and professionally in a non-judgemental manner, in order to provide an enabling environment for respondents to be as honest as possible in their responses. This is a very valuable skill, and underlines VWC's practice of referring to the participants as interviewers, rather than enumerators.

### Fieldwork challenges and quality control mechanisms

VWC had planned for teams to travel to the field from Saturday 11th to Monday 13th May, according to flight schedules to different islands. Air Vanuatu, the only airline travelling to most of Vanuatu's islands, went into liquidation on 9th May. Without any warnings to travellers, all flights were cancelled. This held up the departure to the field with some teams needing to travel by cargo ship (without berths) and others by charter plane; it remained a serious impediment throughout the fieldwork. Nevertheless, some teams departed as early as Tuesday 14th May as VWC quickly put new arrangements into place. All teams had departed and started work in their first enumeration areas by 16th or 17th May. Additional time spent in Port Vila before the fieldwork commenced was devoted to ongoing practice with interviewing.

VWC planned for the fieldwork to take between 8 to 12 weeks, depending on the distance between enumeration areas in each of the 8 study areas, and the distance between houses within each enumeration area. The two urban teams in Port Vila and Luganville completed their enumeration areas within 8 weeks, and two provincial teams (Sanma and Penama) within 10 weeks. The four remaining teams (Torba, Shefa, Malampa and Tafea) were plagued by repeated marine warnings which made it impossible to travel by boat. The last team to complete the fieldwork was Tafea in mid-August. Tafea team faced very long delays on two remote islands due to a shortage of charter flights, and were further delayed after a fatal plane accident (on a plane that they had been due to travel on, but were offloaded at the last minute). Sanma team was assisted by Luganville team to complete some of its enumeration areas, and similarly the Port Vila team assisted the Shefa team which had 2 interviewers leave the team due to ill-health and one due to another commitment towards the end of the fieldwork.

All teams were faced by many weeks of very bad weather which slowed their progress considerably, as high rainfall made roads and tracks impassable, and creeks flooded. Higher than average marine warnings during the fieldwork period made travel by any form of boat dangerous and grounded some teams for many days and even weeks in some instances. This was a big challenge in Torba and

Penama provinces, although this issue affected most teams at some time during the fieldwork. VWC instructed all teams that they were not to travel by any form of sea transport during marine warnings. These challenging conditions meant that two enumeration areas needed to be substituted with others provided by VBoS during the fieldwork – one in Torba and one in Sanma province, because the original enumeration areas were inaccessible for many weeks.

Team members often needed to walk very long distances in some enumeration areas to reach different households selected in the sample. This meant that in some areas, only one household per day could be visited by 2 interviewers walking together, to ensure that they could journey to and from their lodgings safely. These factors contributed to fatigue among a few team members. All supervisors faced challenges in managing both workload and team morale due to the extremely difficult geographical and transport context and weather-related conditions, including many journeys in small boats on rough seas. Lack of reliable phone and internet connections posed a challenge for some of the teams, and this was also exacerbated by the ongoing bad weather.

Several quality control procedures were in place to ensure that data quality remained consistently high throughout the survey. Daily debriefings within the teams, facilitated by team supervisors, are already mentioned above. Team supervisors checked each interview for errors or inconsistencies before transmitting the data to VWC survey headquarters, where each interview was checked again by 3 data checkers. When errors or inconsistencies were found by VWC survey headquarters,

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When asked whether the interviewers found it hard to hear the confronting stories of violence every day, the supervisors agreed that it was hard at times, but thought that it also motivated the team member to do more interviews, and to do them well.

*“During the daily debriefs, we all understood and knew that we were getting high quality information, based on the stories that had been told.”* Sanma team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024

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these were sent back to the team supervisor for correction or clarification before uploading to the VBoS database. These steps were taken before the team left each enumeration area, so that a follow-up visit could be made to respondents (providing they had given prior consent, one of the final questions in the survey). This combination of processes enabled the daily debriefings to be a forum for ongoing learning within each team, facilitated by the supervisors. In some instances at the commencement of the fieldwork, data checkers gave their feedback on errors to the whole team during a debriefing session.

Team supervisors periodically accompanied interviewers to observe their work. Sometimes, interviewers were sent in pairs. This was done for safety reasons whenever circumstances required throughout the fieldwork, or to assist with ensuring privacy for the interview; however at the commencement of the fieldwork it was another mechanism for learning and quality control. The supervisor’s manual (VWC 2024b) included instructions on the checks that needed to be made, and the need to monitor the number of rejections, completed interviews and interviews where some form of violence was disclosed for each interviewer. Monitoring interviewer fatigue and trauma were essential tasks for supervisors, since this potentially impacts on the quality of the interview and the reliability of data collected.

Another level of monitoring was undertaken by kNowVAWdata’s technical lead at UNFPA/APRO in Bangkok, who was sent periodic reports on the fieldwork data via a secure link from VBoS to review any issues arising. These regular checks showed promising response rates by both households and individual respondents throughout the fieldwork. During these checks, data on selected indicators

was compared to that found in 2009. No significant issues were identified in the quality of the data during implementation.

### Fieldwork debriefing<sup>3</sup>

A 1.5-day debriefing was held with team supervisors in Port Vila at the end of the fieldwork, which documented experiences in the field, lessons learned, recommendations for future surveys, logistical and other challenges, and positive experiences.

Logistical, weather and transport issues were the most challenging for team members, as noted above, and many team members were frightened when travelling by boat on rough seas. Towards the end of the fieldwork, team members were very tired, because it was a long and hard job, and there were more complaints to supervisors. However, the majority of respondents wanted to share their stories, and it was often the first time they had shared with anyone. The interviewers appreciated this, and it helped them to keep going through the hard times. Although a few teams had management issues, the majority had high morale overall and reported good and supportive teamwork.

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*“Respondents were generally not frightened to talk, and the husbands didn’t mind us talking either. It all depends on how you explain the work.” (Tafea team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)*

*“We had a good selection of interviewers. Most were young and able to manage the hardships. We had one older woman who was strong, and she had also participated in the 2009 survey. So I had very few rejects from VWC headquarters. When we got rejects, I sat and explained to them, and they learned from their mistakes. After that, there were not many rejects.” (Torba team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)*

*“Using CAVAWs on the team made it easier. ... the CAVAWs are very tough, they are used to such difficult working conditions.” (Sanma team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)*

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All teams faced a few situations where the husband refused to allow interviewers to talk to their wives and partners. While there were some safety concerns and some opposition, these were very isolated (only 4 cases reported), and were resolved by the skill and experience of the supervisors and team members.

Finding privacy to hold the interview was a challenge in some locations and households, but not others. In most provinces, respondents chose the kitchen as the most private place for the interview, and this was usually adequate. Some innovative strategies were used to ensure that interviews could be held with selected women who were busy with work, and to ensure privacy. For example, in Port Vila, the chief informed the team supervisor that all the women were at the market – so team members went to help a selected woman make spring rolls while conducting the interview in a private place. In another example, the selected woman was doing her washing. After helping the woman with her washing, the interview was conducted.

International peer reviewers raised concerns several times about the use of VWC’s name and the strategy of selecting VWC staff and CAVAWs as fieldworkers, due to a concern about potential safety risks while in the field. It was essential to explore both the positive and negative impacts of this strategy honestly and openly in the debriefing with supervisors. A series of open-ended questions were posed to the group to explore this and other ethical and safety issues.

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<sup>3</sup> This section draws heavily from the VWC Research debriefing report: VWC 2025a.

The overwhelming feedback from supervisors was that using VWC's name, and being known as coming from VWC, did not jeopardise their safety or make it harder to be able to interview women. On the contrary, there were several very heartwarming stories from every team of the support that teams received from local communities and leaders, precisely because they were from VWC, or because the work of CAVAWs was known across communities. In the face of the many transport and logistical difficulties they faced, including the length of the survey fieldwork in most provinces, these examples of support and welcome from local communities contributed significantly to sustaining team morale and commitment to do the best job possible. Supervisors requested this conclusion to be communicated to the international support team and more widely as a lesson learned.

Although there were several instances of opposition by Chiefs and individual men, all supervisors reported that explaining the purpose of the survey overcame the initial opposition. Moreover, because of VWC's trusted role and good reputation, Chiefs and other community leaders also offered assistance to the teams to locate households. Providing a good and clear explanation of the survey – and its importance for both community leaders and women of the country – was highlighted by team supervisors as a key to success in all areas. Developing and practising this skill was an explicit focus in the research training. Having official letters from both VWC and Provincial Government authorities was also essential and helped a lot to gain cooperation from Chiefs.

Team supervisors asserted strongly that using CAVAWs as team members assisted with the implementation of the survey in several ways, and did not appear to hinder it, particularly after the first week when team members had gained more confidence and experience with using the tablets.

All teams were confident that women had answered questions truthfully. This assessment was based on several factors:

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*"I admired how the Area Administrator helped us to do the work. He rang a bell, and called everyone to the community hall. We introduced the survey, and he helped us to find the right houses. ... We had only expected to stay one night on one particular island, so we did not have enough clothes. Many women came to give us fresh clothes."* (Port Vila team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 21/09/2024)

*"We were happy with the work. Some villages were totally new places to us. We didn't face any difficulties. We have a good network with the Area Administrators and Chiefs from all three islands."* (Penama team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)

*"Working with people in the community was easy. Community leaders were supportive, and explaining the survey to the household head was not hard, most let us do the interviews."* (Shefa team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)

*"In all the areas we went, we didn't face any safety or other challenges from communities, because the Chiefs were aware of the survey, and we have CAVAWs in some of those places and the communities accepted us. In places where we don't have CAVAWs, the Provincial Government, Community Liaison Officers and Area Administrators were very helpful."* (Torba team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)

*"All the Chiefs and community leaders were accepting of us. ... Last time (in 2009) it was harder to get full interviews. But this time it was much easier, because the women and Chiefs know about and trust VWC now. Women know that their stories will be kept secret, and many Chiefs know and appreciate the work that VWC has done in the province since then."* (Tafea team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)

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- the team members' knowledge of the culture and context;
- their knowledge of the issues of VAW and the forms it takes in their local communities;
- the fact that most interviews were completed; and
- the type of comments that women made at the end of the survey – often thanking the interviewer for the opportunity to share their stories, or wishing that the team had come earlier, or thanking them for collecting information on this problem in their local community (even when the respondent had not disclosed any violence).

Several challenges were identified in the questionnaire design, particularly by supervisors who had also participated in the 2009 survey.

- Most teams found that it was harder and/or it took longer to interview older women in the 50-64 age group. Comments made in the debriefing were that older women were more likely to answer “don’t know” to questions, that they were more forgetful, and that – having experienced violence in their younger lives – they no longer wanted to think about, remember or talk about those difficult times.
- The emergencies section was difficult for some women to answer, particularly older women, mainly because they did not want to think about or talk about the disasters they had experienced. For example, the Penama team reported that this section was very difficult for the women who had lived through the series of volcano eruptions on Ambae from 2017 to 2018 and are still dealing with its impact. These eruptions resulted in the destruction of food gardens and water sources, mass evacuations to other islands (such as Santo and Pentecost), and the relocation of the provincial headquarters due to severe and ongoing ashfalls. Many people have still not been able to return to their ancestral lands.
- In some cases, interviewing women living with disabilities was a challenge. This was mentioned in several teams. Some interviews were able to be conducted, but this only occurred when there was no potential breach of confidentiality.
- All supervisors feel strongly that the job of the supervisor was far too big for one person. Supervisors found it very hard to do all their supervision tasks adequately, as well as editing each survey, conducting debriefings, managing their teams, submitting financial acquittals, organising community liaison, and organising travel and accommodation. Although it was emphasised in the training that supervisors should use other team members to assist with tasks, this strategy did not relieve the workload adequately for team supervisors. Those who had been in the 2009 fieldwork team asserted strongly that it would have been useful/better to retain an editor on the teams, due to the significant workload associated with checking each survey daily.

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*“The volcano was the main disaster mentioned, and some women just didn’t want to talk about it. They didn’t want to think about or repeat what happened during the disaster, regardless of whether they experienced violence. This applies to both younger and older women.” (Penama team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)*

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## 2.4 Data processing, analysis and interpretation

A tabulation plan was developed by the VWC Research Consultant in consultation with the VWC Research Officer. This was peer reviewed by kNOwVAWdata’s technical lead several months before the commencement of the fieldwork. Data processing and analysis involved several steps. Data cleaning was undertaken by kNOwVAWdata team experts in Bangkok and the UK (Jessica Gardner and Seema Vyas). Population of the data tables (Annex 2) began with in a 2-week workshop in Port



Vila with VBoS staff, the VWC Research Officer and Research Consultant, facilitated by the kNowVAWdata team technical lead. The primary aim of this workshop was to build capacity to write the syntax for generating tables with VBoS staff using SPSS.

Several initial drafts of tables were generated in STATA by a statistician from the University of Dhaka (M. Shafiqur Rahman), contracted by VWC; he also undertook some data cleaning and calculated weights (Box 2.9). Final drafts of the tables were generated in SPSS by the kNowVAWdata technical lead, Jessica Gardner and in STATA by a technical consultant Seema Vyas. All tables were checked several times by the VWC Research Consultant (Juliet Hunt).

### *Box 2.9: Weight calculation steps*

As the respondents were selected in several stages (section 2.2.1), weights were calculated using several steps.

1. First, the household (HH) selection probability was calculated in two stages according to the sampling design.
  - Stage 1 is to calculate the probability of selecting each enumeration area (EA) in each province and location (strata):  $P1 = \text{number of EAs selected in each stratum} / \text{the total EA in each stratum}$ .
  - Stage 2 is to calculate the probability of selecting each household within each EA:  $P2 = \text{number of households selected in each EA} / \text{total number of households in each EA}$ .
2. Then, the HH design weight is calculated as  $W1 = 1 / (P1 * P2)$ .
3. Next, the HH weight is adjusted with reference to non-response and a new HH design weight is calculated as  $W2 = W1 * (\text{number of HHs with eligible women in each stratum} / \text{total number of HHs sampled in each stratum})$ .
4. Finally, a weighting is applied for the number of eligible women in the HH. This is calculated from the HH weight by multiplying the woman selection probability in each HH. The final weight is calculated as,  $\text{women\_weight} = W2 * \text{number of eligible women in HH}$ .
5. To estimate prevalence, the variable “women\_weight” was used.

Source: Adapted from Rahman 2024.

A kNowVAWdata team consultant (Seema Vyas) undertook two other critical steps in the analysis process: the calculation of a household assets index to measure household socio-economic status (using data from the household questionnaire, see Annex 1); and development of the methodology and tabulations for the risk factor analysis reported in detail in chapter 10 (Vyas 2024 and Vyas 2025).

A cluster method was used for classifying households into three socio-economic groups (poorest, middle and highest) which had been scored using weights for household assets derived through principal components analysis, for the risk factor analysis and all other data tables. This enabled better differentiation between the three groups, and also had the advantage of consistency with other Pacific Island studies on the prevalence of violence against women (see Annex 3). Both the development of the household assets index and the risk factor analysis began with consultation processes and input from VWC and VBoS staff representatives, to ensure that both methodologies were well-grounded in an understanding of the economic, cultural and social context of Vanuatu.

### **Data interpretation workshop**

A 2-week data interpretation workshop was held in March 2025, facilitated by the VWC Lead Research Consultant. The approach was highly participatory, and involved key VWC and Branch staff who were involved in fieldwork teams, including those with primary responsibility for prevention and community education work throughout the country, drawing on their many years of experience and first-hand knowledge of the problem of violence against women and children. A VBoS staff

representative who was involved in several stages of the project also participated. The workshop reviewed the majority of the data collected, including the risk factor analysis (Vyas 2025) and provided an additional opportunity for a validation and quality check. The main aims of the workshop were to:

- make sense of the key findings and any nuances that need to be explained or communicated within the Vanuatu context,
- develop preliminary conclusions on the effectiveness of current efforts by VWC and other stakeholders engaged in preventing and responding to violence against women and children in Vanuatu, and recommendations for future efforts,
- take a first step to share the main research findings with key VWC staff who will be responsible for communicating and explaining the findings.

**The analysis, interpretations, case studies and recommendations in the following chapters are based on the discussion and conclusions reached in the interpretation workshop.**

A similar highly participatory approach was taken to data analysis and interpretation during the 2009 study. A key outcome from 2009 was that the staff responsible for prevention work were well-equipped to integrate survey findings into their day-to-day work, and this has continued through to the present. The same integration into all aspects of VWC's work is planned for the 2024 study.

### Qualitative case studies used in this report

VWC has always included several qualitative indicators in its monitoring and evaluation plan since the agency first received multi-year funding from international donors such as the Australian and New Zealand Governments in the early 1990s. Over the years, a vast qualitative database has been documented to assess progress towards all VWC's programs outcomes, including both prevention work (community education and awareness-raising to change attitudes and beliefs on violence against women, and national legal and policy advocacy with a range of stakeholders), and responses to victims/survivors of all forms of gender-based violence through centre-based and mobile counselling and individual legal advocacy. Case studies are documented monthly by VWC and each of its branches, and focus on both significant changes and/or progress towards outcomes, and the various stubborn challenges that undermine or slow progress. Case studies bring to life the day-to-day experience that informs VWC's overall pathways of change (VWC 2021a: 72-86, 92-97, 181-194). Each year, case studies have been discussed and shared in 6-monthly staff reflection workshops on progress and plans, as a key part of VWC's monitoring, evaluation and learning approach, and a selection is included in VWC's annual internal progress reports to donors, across all program outcomes and locations.

During the March 2025 workshop with staff on the research findings, participants drew on this extensive case study database and their broader experience with all forms of prevention and response to illustrate their understanding, validation and interpretation of the data. Some of these reflections are included in quotation text boxes in this report. Given the huge number of case studies available to VWC, most of the case studies used to illustrate women's experiences are drawn from 2024-2025, concurrent with the implementation of the research. Note that names and other details have been changed in case studies to protect the confidentiality of clients and others.

### Presentation of weighted data tables and graphs in this report

Unless otherwise noted, all data presented in this report are weighted (with the exception of chapter 11). However, all denominators (denoted as "N" in all chapters) are unweighted, as recommended in kNOWVAWdata guidance (Jansen 2021: 19). This is important because it provides accurate

information on the number of women interviewed/responding to any particular question or set of questions.

## 2.5 Strengths and limitations of the study

One great strength of the Vanuatu study is that VWC has used a dedicated methodology, validated by the WHO (WHO 2005), applied over the last 20 years in a range of different cultural contexts. VWC has used this methodology twice (2009 and 2024) to achieve reliable findings that are directly comparable with those from the first study in 2009. The WHO approach emphasises close attention to ethical and safety standards, a range of quality control measures, and intensive training of interviewers over several weeks to enhance the likelihood of robust results. Both the 2009 and 2024 surveys are strengthened by adaptations to the local Vanuatu context, and by the participatory approach brought to the process by an autonomous local women organisation with many decades of experience on the ground.

*“Dedicated surveys, or surveys dedicated to a specific issue, when properly conducted, provide the most reliable and comprehensive statistics on violence against women.”*  
(Jansen 2016a:2).

Any survey of this kind based on self-reporting has some possibility of bias associated with respondents’ memory of events and incidents. However, it is widely accepted that recall bias tends to result in under-estimates of the prevalence of partner and non-partner violence, rather than over-estimates (WHO 2025a: 28). (This issue is discussed at greater length in chapter 3, section 3.4.) Another limitation to add to the risk of recall bias is that women living with disabilities are often unable to communicate their experiences – either because their disability prevents survey team members from interviewing them, or because they are prevented from doing so by their carers. Examples of both of these types of situations were shared in the debriefing by team supervisors.

As noted above, there was also extreme reluctance by some women to talk about any experiences related to disasters and emergencies, regardless of whether or not women had experienced violence and abuse during that time. A further contributing factor to non-disclosure is age, with some team supervisors noting that older women just wanted to forget the pain that they had endured for so long.

The major limitation of all surveys of this type is that it is not possible to “prove” causality for the relationship with various characteristics in women’s backgrounds, nor with the range of serious consequences of violence documented in this report (such as the serious health consequences for women and impacts on children). Nevertheless, it is possible to identify statistically significant associations between violence and a range of variables, to do so with very high levels of confidence, and to use VWC’s extensive knowledge and experience and its qualitative database to interpret and validate findings.

The decision to select only one woman from each household introduces bias because it means that women living in households with more than one woman are under-represented. However, the random selection of one respondent per household is an essential safety feature, and comments at the end of the survey indicate that respondents understood and appreciated the confidentiality that VWC brought to the process, so that they could finally share their stories. This selection bias has been successfully addressed by the weighting applied to the prevalence data presented in this report, as noted above (see also section 3.3).

Several other specific limitations related to new questions and sections introduced into the survey tool in 2024 are discussed in later chapters alongside the findings on each issue or form of abuse.

This applies to intimate partner violence in disasters and emergencies, technology facilitated abuse by both partners and non-partners, and questions on sexual harassment by non-partners.

Finally, one important strength of the research design is the use of a nationally representative sample which provides reliable estimates of prevalence for each of Vanuatu's 6 provinces and 2 urban areas, in addition to the national prevalence rates. This will enable VWC to make the best use of the survey findings in its ongoing prevention work.

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*"The survey has shown that despite all our work at VWC, there are still many areas where we need to go inside the communities and get the message out to them."*

(Shefa team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop 22/09/2024)

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## Chapter 3: Response rates and description of the survey sample

### 3.1 Response rates

Despite the highly sensitive nature of the survey, there were high response rates in all 8 study locations, with very low refusal rates at the household or individual level. There were 3553 households in the sample database; of these, 3189 were eligible households (Box 3.1 and Table 3.1 of Annex 2). The remainder either had no residents at home for an extended period of time, the houses were vacant or destroyed, there was no evidence of a house at the location, no dwelling could be found, the dwelling was inaccessible, or the entire household spoke a language unknown to any team members.

Of the 3189 eligible households, 32 refused to participate in any aspect of the survey. Overall, 3159 household questionnaires were completed, a response rate of 99% of eligible households sampled. Of the 3159 household questionnaires completed, 2868 had eligible women to be interviewed aged between 15 and 64. Of these, 2761 completed the survey in full, and 8 completed some sections only.

This gives a total of 2769 surveys from individual women included in the analysis, with a response rate of 97%. The remainder were either never at home when interviewers visited<sup>4</sup>, too incapacitated to do the interview, or spoke a language unknown to any team members. Overall, only 56 women (less than 2%) refused to do the individual interview (Box 3.1 and Table 3.1 of Annex 2).

#### Box 3.1: Summary of response rates

|                                                                                                                    |                                                                                       |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Household questionnaire response rate: 99%</b><br>(number of completed HH questionnaires / total eligible HH)   | Households sampled                                                                    | 3553        |
|                                                                                                                    | Eligible households                                                                   | 3189        |
|                                                                                                                    | <b>Household interview completed</b>                                                  | <b>3159</b> |
|                                                                                                                    | Households refused                                                                    | 30          |
| <b>Women's questionnaire response rate: 97%</b><br>(number of interviews done / number of HHs with eligible women) | Households with eligible women                                                        | 2868        |
|                                                                                                                    | <b>Women's questionnaire completed or partially completed (8 partially completed)</b> | <b>2769</b> |
|                                                                                                                    | Women refused                                                                         | 56          |
|                                                                                                                    | Women unable to communicate (language, incapacity) or not at home                     | 43          |

Source: Table 3.1, Annex 2. Note: HH – households.

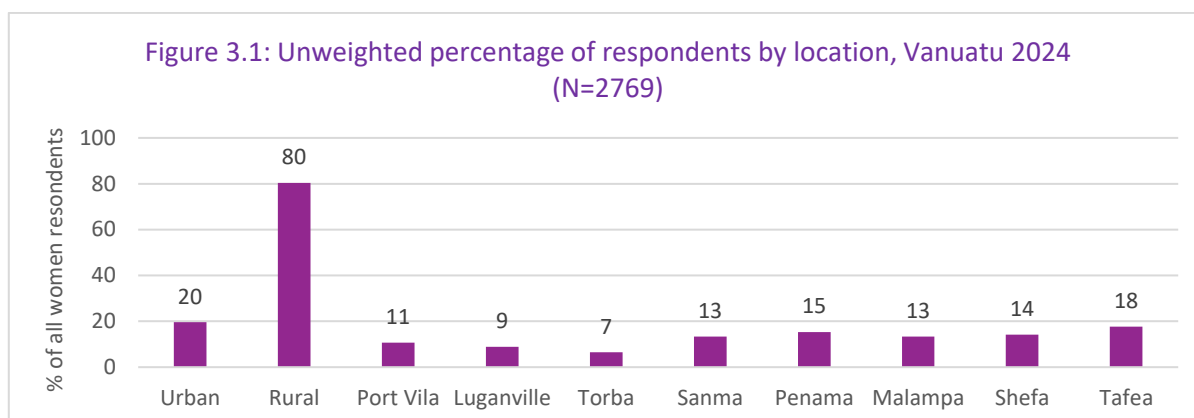
### 3.2 Description of respondents in the sample

Tables 3.2 and 3.3 in Annex 2 provide weighted and unweighted data on the characteristics of respondents, by location, age, religion, level of completed education, household assets index, levels of disability, and partnership status.

#### Location of respondents

Of the 2769 women interviewed, 80% live in rural areas in the provinces, and 20% in the 2 urban areas of Port Vila and Luganville (Figure 3.1).

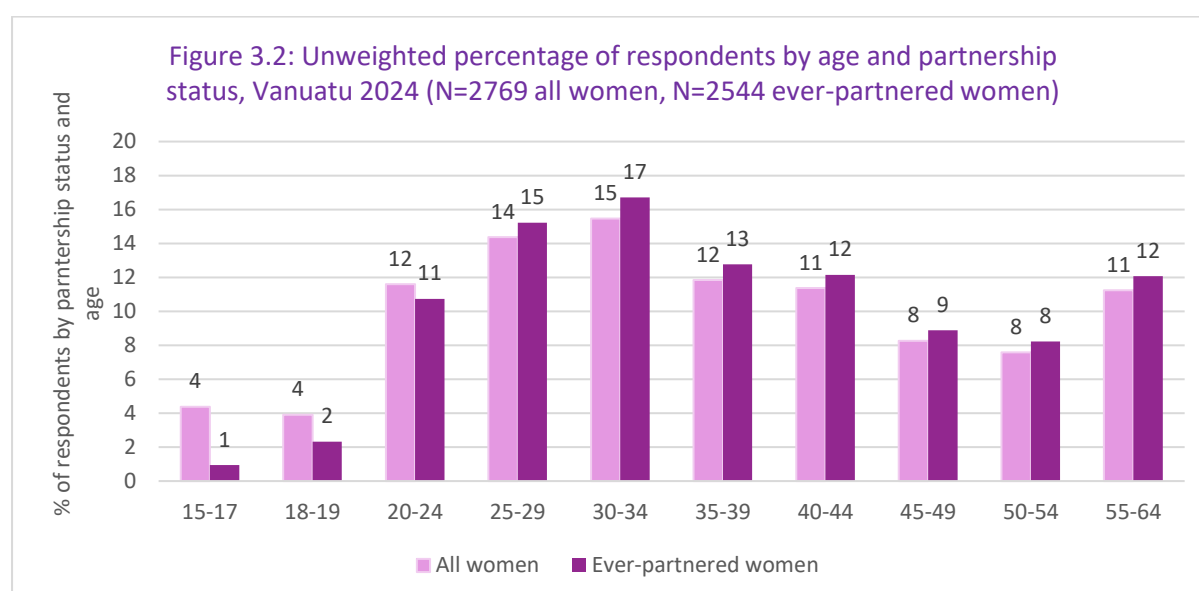
<sup>4</sup>Instructions to interviewers were to visit 3 times, at different times of the day, to get advice on when women would be at home, and to make an appointment at a convenient time.



Source: Table 3.2, Annex 2.

### Age and partnership status

Women aged 25 to 49 make up the majority of respondents (over 61%), younger women aged 15-24 represent 20% and women aged 50 to 64 were 19% of the sample (Figure 3.2 and Tables 3.2 and 3.3 of Annex 2).<sup>5</sup>

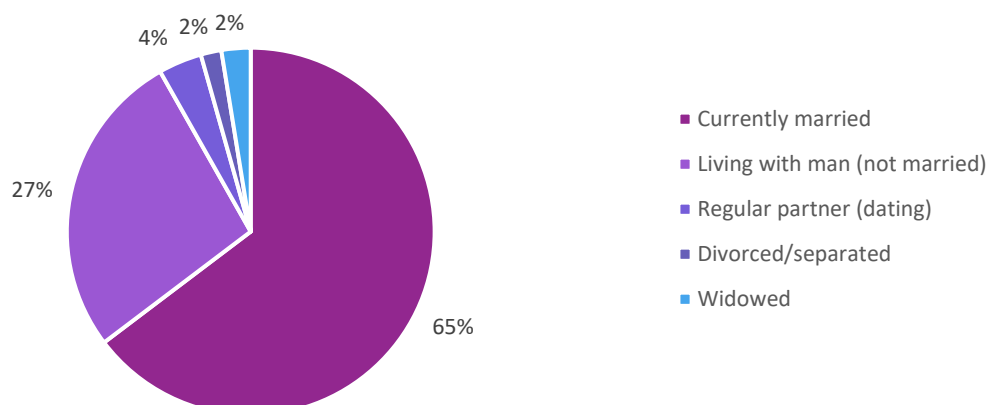


Source: Table 3.2, Annex 2.

As expected, women in the younger age ranges of 15 to 24 are less likely than older women to have ever had a husband or intimate partner compared with women in older age groups (Figure 3.2). Of the 2769 interviewed, 2544 (92%) had ever had an intimate relationship with a man. The majority of ever-partnered were living with a current partner: 65% were married in one of Vanuatu's 3 recognised legal arrangements (custom, civil or religious ceremonies), 27% were living with a partner, and 4% had a regular dating or sexual relationship with a current partner. The remainder were formerly married or with a partner in the past: 1.8% were divorced or separated from a former husband or intimate partner, and 2.6% were widowed (Figure 3.3).

<sup>5</sup> The 55-64 age group includes one woman in the database who may have been 65 at the time of the interview. Although age was checked by both the team supervisors and data checkers based in Port Vila, this respondent completed the interview in full and a discrepancy in her stated age versus date of birth was discovered after the data was cleaned and tables had been generated. A decision was made to include her in the analysis, to give due respect to the time she spent with the interviewer.

Figure 3.3: Unweighted percentage of ever-partnered respondents by partnership status, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2544 ever-partnered women)



Source: Table 3.2, Annex 2.

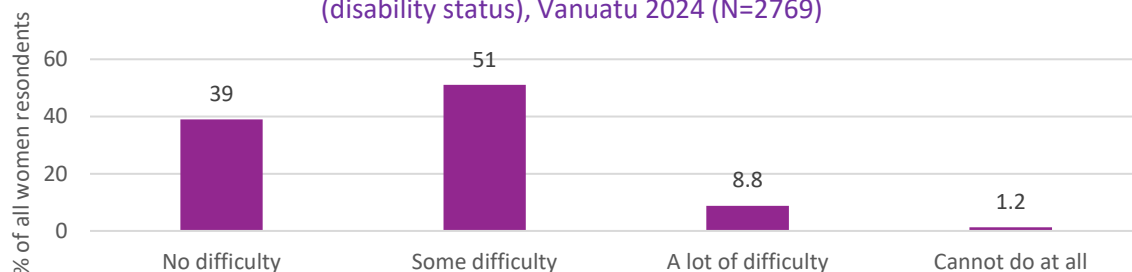
### Women living with disabilities: strengths and limitations of measuring VAW

The Washington Group short set of questions were used to identify women and girls living with some form of disability (Washington Group 2020). Disability is defined by the level of difficulty women have in performing activities in 6 domains: no difficulty, some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or cannot do at all. The 6 functional domains are: seeing, hearing, walking or climbing steps, remembering or concentrating, self-care (such as washing or dressing), and communicating in their usual language (questions 201 to 206 of the questionnaire in Annex 1).

Four levels of disability are identified on a continuum (Washington Group 2021: 4) according to women's answers to the 6 questions:

- No difficulty is when the respondent says she has no difficulty across all of the 6 domains.
- Some difficulty is when the respondent says she has some difficulty in at least one or more domain, and when she has no domains coded as cannot do at all or a lot of difficulty.
- A lot of difficulty is when the respondent has a lot of difficulty in at least one of more domains, and no domains are coded as cannot do at all.
- Cannot do at all is when the respondent says she cannot do the activity at all for at least one or more of the 6 domains.

Figure 3.4: Unweighted percentage of respondents by level of ability/difficulty (disability status), Vanuatu 2024 (N=2769)



Source: Table 3.2, Annex 2.

There were 39% of women living with no difficulties, 51% with some difficulties, 8.8% with a lot of difficulties and 1.2% were unable to perform one or more of the 6 functions measured. If a dichotomy is used to define those with or without disability, **those living with a disability are usually**

**defined as the last 2 categories above – a lot of difficult and cannot do at all** (Washington Group 2021: 2). Using this measure, 10% of the survey sample is living with disabilities (277 women of the 2769 in the sample), and 90% have no significant disabilities (Figure 3.4).

This data indicates that the survey is broadly representative of women living in Vanuatu with disabilities, although direct comparisons are difficult due to the different age ranges and definitions used in different surveys. For example, the 2020 Vanuatu Census found that “about 14.7% of the total population over age 5 reported a disability, regardless of severity. The percentage was slightly higher (15.2%) for females than for males (14.2%). However, most of these disabilities were minor. Only 1.7% of the population over age 5 reported a major disability (major difficulty or total inability to perform a function)” (VBoS 2022: 99).

It is widely recognised that measuring violence against women living with disabilities in population-based surveys results in under-reporting. The Washington Group short set of questions is a significant improvement on the question used in the 2009 study. Nevertheless, it does not capture all types of disability that may put women at greater risk of intimate partner or non-partner violence, and the sampling strategies used (designed to be representative of the whole population) may not facilitate a nuanced analysis or the tracking of trends over time which are needed to properly measure prevalence in this group (WHO 2024: 4-5).

Data was only able to be collected from women who could speak to the team in a private situation, without intervention from husbands, partners, other family members or carers. There were several instances reported in the VWC supervisor debriefing workshop where women could not be interviewed due to the severity of their disabilities, which made communication either impossible or unsafe for both the interviewer and the respondent. For these reasons, it is reasonable to assume that prevalence rates reported in the following chapters are likely to be an under-estimate.

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*“In one household, the eligible woman who was randomly selected was blind and deaf. Her husband asked if he could assist to answer the questions, but we said no, and we just did the household questionnaire.” (Port Vila team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 21/09/2024)*

*“We had one respondent who was deaf and we had to shout for her to hear us. This was a potential breach of confidentiality. The interviewer was very aware of this, and ensured that there was adequate privacy, so the interview went ahead successfully without any risk.” (Penama team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 21/09/2024)*

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One strength of the VWC survey design is that a question is included on whether intimate partner violence has resulted in permanent disabilities; this acknowledges and investigates the two-way relationship between disabilities and VAW.<sup>6</sup> Like all the questions on disability, it relies on self-reporting.

### Education and religion of respondents

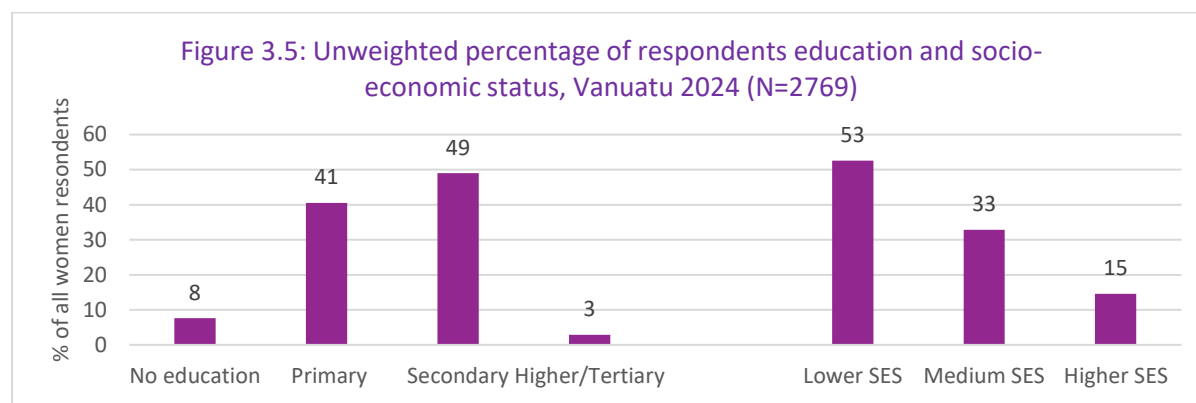
Education was measured by the level of education completed. Only 8% of the survey respondents indicated that they had received no education; 41% completed primary education, 49% completed secondary education, and 3% completed some form of higher or tertiary education (unweighted data, Table 3.2 of Annex 1 and Figure 3.5). Higher or tertiary education was defined as including

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<sup>6</sup> At the time of writing, VWC is not aware of any other surveys which ask this question, although the findings from both 2009 and 2024 indicate that it is an important area of enquiry with significant health implications.

vocational, technical and university education, providing that the course completed was at least one year long (VWC 2024a).

All religious groups were represented in the survey. Women who follow the Presbyterian faith were the largest group in the sample (27%), followed by Anglican and other Christian groups (15% each), Seventh Day Adventist (14%), Catholic (10%), Church of Christ and Assemblies of God (7% each), and Apostolic (3%). Other non-Christian faiths and those who indicated no religion or did not answer this question were 1% and 2% respectively of the total unweighted sample (Table 3.2 of Annex 2).



### Household assets index/socio-economic status

Household assets and housing infrastructure weights were derived using principal components analysis, and households were then classified into 3 socio-economic groups using cluster analysis, using data from the household questionnaire (Annex 3). Overall, 53% of all respondents were classified into the lowest socio-economic group, 33% into the medium group, and 15% into the higher group. A very similar breakdown is observed for ever-partnered respondents, with 54% in the lowest status group, 33% in the medium group, and 14% in the highest status group (Table 3.2 of Annex 2, unweighted, and Figure 3.5).

### Sex of household head

Overall, 71% of households were reported to be male-headed, 28% as female-headed, and only 2% as both female and male together (Table 3.6 of Annex 2).

- Port Vila (32%), Tafea (37%) and Shefa province (35%) and Malampa (30%) had a higher proportion of female-headed households than the national average, whereas Torba (19%), Sanma (14%), Penama (22%) and Luganville (26%) were below the national average.
- Women with tertiary education (34%) and higher socio-economic status (30%) were slightly more likely to be heading households than the national average, as well as women aged over 55 (38%).
- Among the women who had never been in an intimate relationship with a man, 64% were living in male-headed households, and 34% in female headed households, and 3% in joint female and male headed households.
- Women who were dating intimate partners were more likely to be living in female-headed households (41% compared to the national average of 28%), along with those who are divorced or separated (50%), and those who are widowed (83%).

### Women's financial status

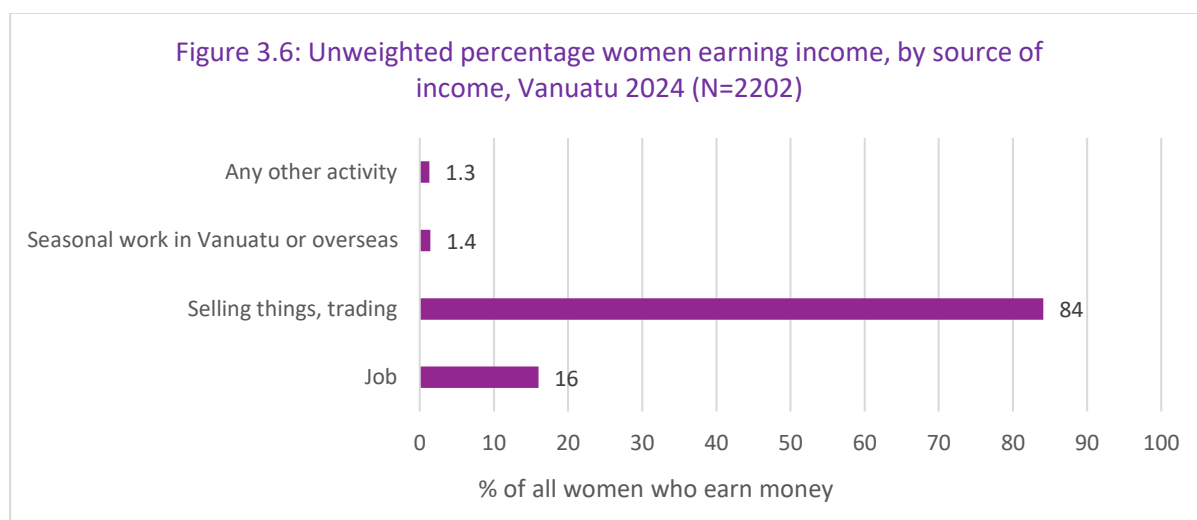
In addition to questions in the household questionnaire on household assets, women were also asked about their own and shared ownership of assets in the women's questionnaire in section 11. Women's ownership of key assets varies considerably, depending on the type of asset. Overall, very few women own assets by themselves. Most large and valuable assets are owned jointly with others



when they are owned at all, rather than women owning them individually. This applies to land, houses, water tanks, animals, vegetables and fruits from gardens or trees. There are only four types of assets that women tend to own by themselves, rather than jointly with others, although most women do not own them at all (Table 3.7 of Annex 2).

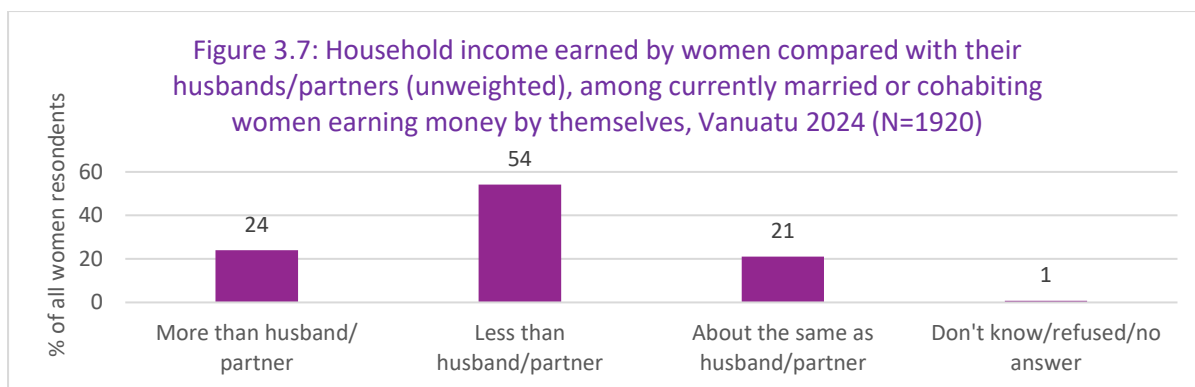
- Handcrafts are more likely to be owned solely by women (39%) rather than with others (8%), and 53% of women said they do not own them at all.
- 25% of women own savings in the bank by themselves, and 14% jointly with others, although the majority (61%) do not have any savings in the bank.
- 44% said they own other savings on their own, 15% said they own them with others, and 41% do not have any other savings at all.
- Most women do not own jewellery, gold or other valuables (80%), but among those who do, ownership is by themselves (19%), with 1% owning them jointly with others.

The majority of women (80%) are earning money by themselves, and a few earn money in more than one activity (Table 3.8a of Annex 2 and Figure 3.6). Of the 2202 women who do earn money by themselves, 16% have formal jobs, 84% are engaged in some form of trading, and a few either do seasonal work in Vanuatu (0.7%), seasonal work overseas (0.7%), or earn money from some other types of activity (1.3%).



Source: Table 3.8a, Annex 2. Percentages add to more than 100% because more than one way of earning money could be mentioned by the respondent.

Among those women who earn their own income, and who are either currently married or living with their husband or partner (N=1920), about half (54%) said that they earn less than their husband or partner. Almost half (45%) earn either more than their husband or about the same as him (Figure 3.7 and Table 3.8c of Annex 2).



Source: Table 3.8c, Annex 2.

Among this same group of women, only 37% are able to decide how they spend their own earnings; 62% must give part of their earnings to their husband or partner, and 1% must give all their earnings to their husband (Table 3.8b of Annex 2). Overall, the data clearly shows that most women have very little financial autonomy or independence in their relationships and families.

#### Note on denominators used

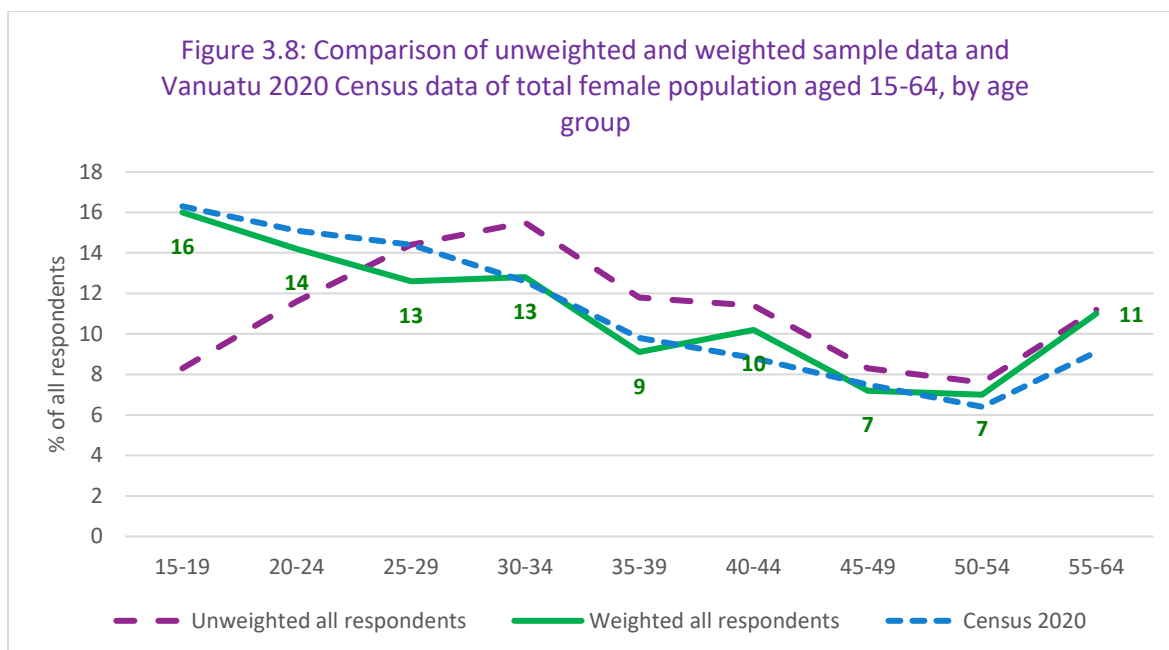
The denominators (N) reported throughout the following chapters and the statistical tables in Annex 2 represent the total number of respondents who completed a specific section of the questionnaire. Variation in these counts is primarily due to interview attrition and eligibility filtering. Eight interviews were categorised as partially complete (see Box 3.1), as respondents terminated the interview at different stages for varying reasons. Certain denominators are reduced by non-response within specific modules. For instance, while 2,544 women were identified as "ever-partnered," the denominator for the Intimate Partner Violence analysis is 2,540, as four eligible women ended the interview prior to completing that module. For transparency, the specific base for every calculation is detailed in the footnotes of the relevant tables in Annex 2.

### 3.3 Representativeness of the sample and effect of selection probability on the findings

Table 3.3 of Annex 2 shows unweighted and weighted sample data disaggregated by several key variables (location, level of completed education, religion and age), and compares these with Vanuatu Census data from 2020 (VNSO 2020a and 2020b). Data by age distribution is shown in Figure 3.8 and indicates that the sample is broadly representative of the total population of women aged 15-64, with accurate correction for selection bias through the weighting of the data.

Table 3.4 of Annex 2 compares the rates of lifetime and current intimate partner prevalence data for physical, sexual and emotional violence using 3 different methods: unweighted data; data weighted to account for differences in selection probability within the household; and finally, data weighted to account for both selection probability within the household, and selection probability of the household within enumeration areas. Confidence intervals are provided for each of these calculations.

There is little change between the rates compared, but weighted data is used for all prevalence rates and tables (unless otherwise noted) to ensure the greatest precision and accuracy in reporting both intimate partner prevalence and non-partner prevalence of VAW.



Sources: Table 3.3 of Annex 2 and VNSO 2020b: 60.

### 3.4 Participation bias and its effect on survey findings

The two main sources of non-sampling bias are refusals to participate, and a reluctance to disclose violence due to the sensitive nature of the questionnaire or fear of retribution of their husbands/partners. Both are likely to result in an under-estimation of the prevalence, frequency and severity of violence. As noted in section 3.1, household and individual refusal rates were extremely low (1% and 2% respectively). Comments on the survey questionnaires by interviewers for non-response noted that some women were too scared to talk, and there was at least one domestic violence murder noted (where a house was vacant, and neither the husband or the small child were living there any longer). In most cases, women valued the opportunity to share their experiences, despite their fear, and the VWC team went to great lengths to ensure that women could do so safely.

*“... regardless of how well the method and tools are designed, (they) do not measure the actual number of women who have been abused, but rather the number of women who are willing and able to disclose abuse. And surveys always do miss the most severe cases; including those institutionalized, locked up, too scared to talk or murdered.”*  
(Jansen 2017: 1, emphasis added).

*“Hemi kilim tet woman blong hem wetem wan wud, mo smol bebe ikasem 2 yia naoia.”*  
“He killed his wife with a piece of wood, and the small baby is now 2 years old.”  
(Interviewer note on why the household selected was vacant, as reported by a neighbour)

Interviewers had a space on their tablets to record comments from women following individual refusals to participate. These give some insight into the factors at play in the field. In some cases, no reasons were given by women for their refusal. In almost half the cases, women said they were too busy, mostly due to their need to earn money. There were also cases where women were quite frank about their fear of their husbands.

The WHO design emphasises the need for good interviewing skills in order to minimise the risks of non-disclosure, and VWC’s selection of interviewers and their training focused on the need to build rapport and to encourage honest disclosure. Nevertheless, it would not be surprising if some women remained reluctant to share these most challenging aspects of their lives, particularly when one takes into account the findings on coercive control and child sexual assault (chapter 4 and 5). The fieldwork team members believe that most women were very honest, and the impact of non-disclosure on prevalence rates is impossible to estimate. It has been suggested that older women may more frequently have issues with recall bias (Jansen 2018: 18); this was confirmed by team supervisors who reported that women aged 50-64 were more likely to prefer to forget things that had happened in their past (sections 2.3 and 2.5, and VWC 2025a).

All these factors mean that the prevalence rates provided in this report are minimum estimates, and not over-estimates, a conclusion that is underlined by kNOwVAWdata expert advice (Jansen 2017: 1).

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*“Woman hemi talem se hemi fright blong takem part lo survey ia, from hemi fright long husband blong hem. Interviewer hemi go bak be still hemi refuse.”*

*“The woman said she was scared to take part in the survey, because she is frightened of her husband. The interviewer returned, but she still refused.”*  
(Comment by interviewer on refusal to participate)

*“The best part of the fieldwork was building the rapport with the respondents. It happened in minutes, so when we came to section 7, they felt very comfortable to share their experiences. It was easy for them to share their experiences with us, they appreciated sharing with someone they don’t know.”* (Sanma team supervisor, VWC debriefing workshop, 22/09/2024)

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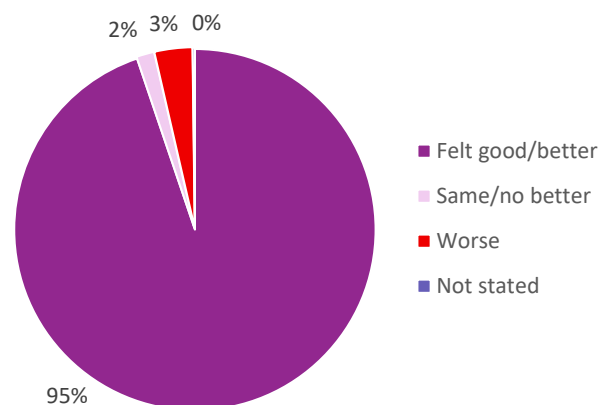
### 3.5 Respondents’ satisfaction with the interview

When asked how they felt at the end of interview, 95% of ever-partnered respondents said that they felt good or better, 2% said they felt the same, 3% felt worse, and less than one percent did not answer (Figure 3.9 and Table 3.5 of Annex 2).

There was very little difference between those who had experienced violence, and those who had not, but women who have not lived with intimate partner violence were slightly less likely (94%) to feel better, and a little more likely to feel worse (5%). Furthermore, 99% of all ever-partnered respondents agreed for the interviewer to contact them again if need be (in case any clarifications were needed). Interestingly, never-partnered respondents were a little less likely to feel better after the interview (93%), although the differences are marginal. These results are a testament to the skills of the interviewers (Table 3.5 of Annex 2 and Figure 3.5).

Respondents’ comments at the very end of the interview – from both those who have lived with intimate partner violence and those who have

Figure 3.9: Percentage of ever-partnered women who felt satisfied at the end of the interview, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2540)



not – show how much they valued having the opportunity to share these parts of their lives with a trusted person, on the understanding that all would be kept confidential.

#### Duration of the interview

The average duration of the interview was 61 minutes for ever-partnered women, and 35 minutes for those who had never had an intimate partner. For ever-partnered women who had experienced both physical and sexual partner violence, the average interview duration was 70 minutes, compared with 53 minutes for ever-partnered women who had never experienced physical or sexual partner violence (Table 3.5 of Annex 2).

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*“Mi glad long yu from yu kam yumitu storian. Mi stap harem nogud nomo oltaim, so mi talemaot harem nogud blong, hemi mekem mi feelim good naoya.”*

“I am glad that you came to talk with me. I have felt bad all the time, so I have told you my bad feelings, and that makes me feel good now.” (Survey respondent)

*“Mi wantem talem bigfala tankyu long yu blong kam yumitu storian. Mi everytime mi stap holdem tait ol wari long heart blong mi. Taem mi storian wetem yu, mi fillem se mi release wan bigfala samting.”*

“I want to thank you very much for coming to talk with me. I have kept all my worries inside my heart. When I was talking with you, I felt a big release.” (Survey respondent)

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## Chapter 4: Violence against women by husbands or partners

### Box 4.1: Key findings on violence against women by husbands or partners

#### What will women experience in their lifetime?

- The most prevalent form of partner violence is **coercive control** – more than 7 in every 10 women experienced some form of controlling behaviours by their husbands or partners (73%).
- The second most common form of intimate partner violence is **emotional abuse** – more than 6 in 10 women in Vanuatu have experienced emotional abuse by their husband or partner (64%).
- **1 in 2 women have been subjected to either physical or sexual violence or both by their husband or partner (52%).**
- 1 in 3 women experience **financial violence** from their husband or partner during their lifetime (33%).
- **More than 8 in 10 women experience at least one or more types of intimate partner violence in their lifetime (86%).**

#### What are women experiencing right now?

- Almost 6 in 10 women experienced **coercive control** by husband or partners (59%) in the last 12 months, and more than 3 in 10 are currently subjected to 3 or more forms of control (34%).
- More than 4 in 10 women experienced **emotional abuse** in the last 12 months (44%).
- Three in 10 women experienced **physical or sexual violence** by their husband or partner in the last 12 months (30%).
- Almost 3 in 10 women experienced **financial violence** by their husband or partner in the last 12 months (27%).
- **Overall, 7 in 10 women were subjected one of more forms of violence or abuse by their husband or intimate partner in the last 12 months (71%), and many are living with multiple forms (Figure 4.1).**
- Small gaps between lifetime and current prevalence rates suggest that women have few options to end the violence.

This chapter presents data on the prevalence, frequency, severity and patterns of the five different types of intimate partner violence – both lifetime experiences, and those occurring in the preceding 12 months before the survey. These include: physical, sexual, emotional and financial violence and coercive control. It also provides information on the overlap of different types of violence by husbands and partners.

The prevalence rates presented are weighted (section 2.4), but the “N” presented is always the actual (unweighted) number of women interviewed for each question.

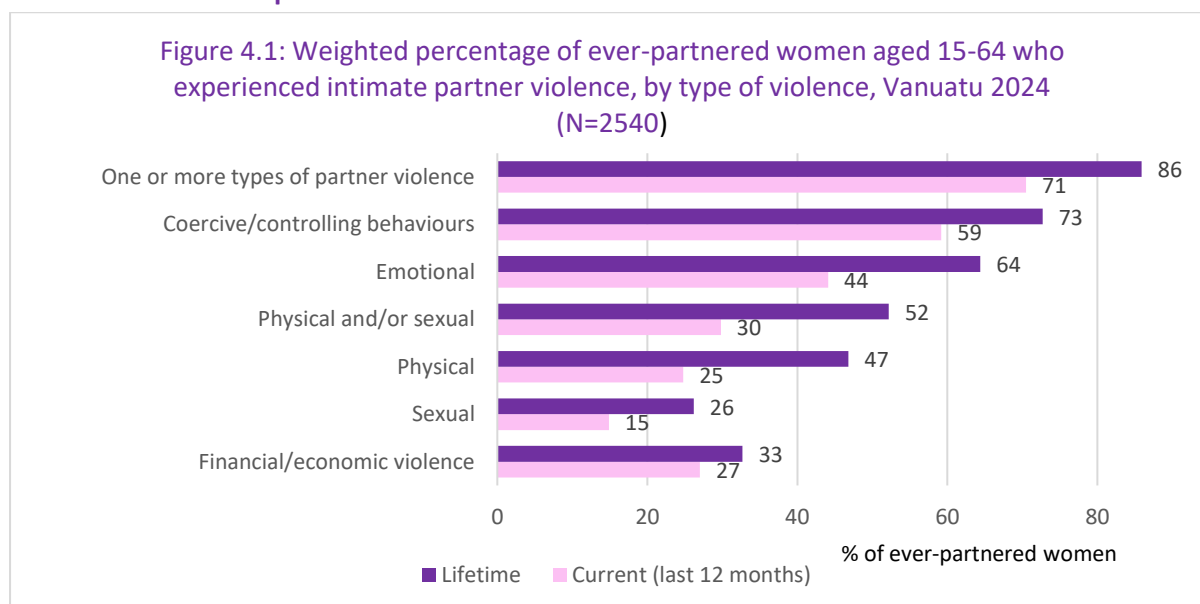
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*“Tankyu lo interview. Mi glad from mi wan mama we mi fesem tumas vaelens. Mi bilif se bai information we yu tekem, bai helpem ol nara mama.”*

*“Thank you for the interview. I am glad because I am one mother who is facing a lot of violence. I believe that by collecting this information, it will help many other women.” (Survey respondent)*

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## Overview of intimate partner violence

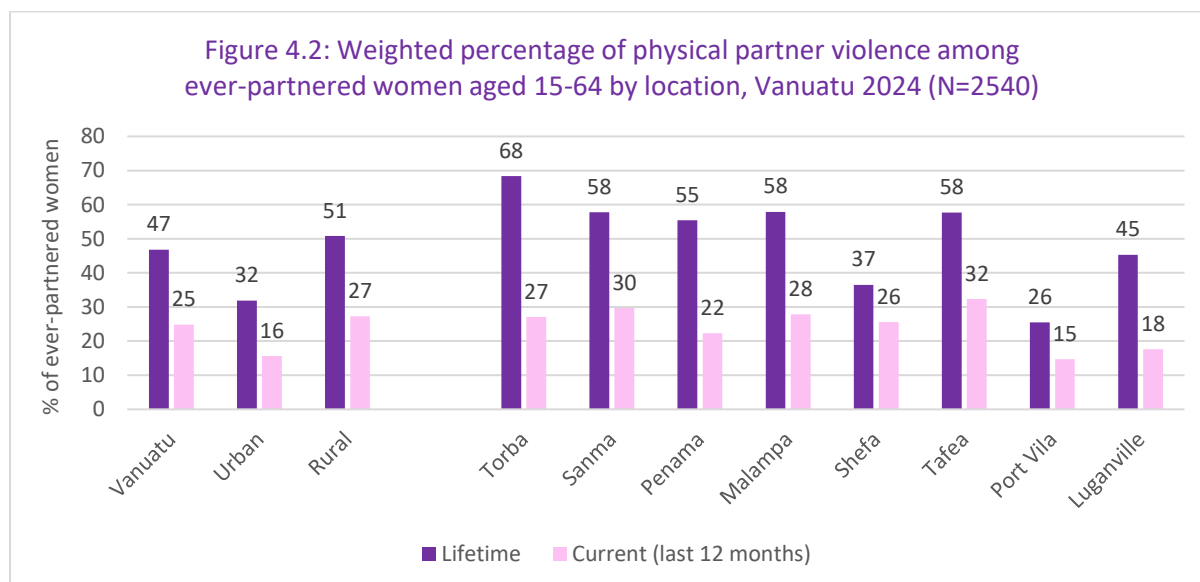


Source: Annex 2 Table 4.1, 4.16.

## 4.1 Physical intimate partner violence

### How many women are subjected to physical violence by husbands and partners?

Almost half (47%) of ever-partnered women in Vanuatu have been physically abused by their husband or partner over their lifetime, and 25% experienced physical violence over the last 12 months (Figure 4.2).



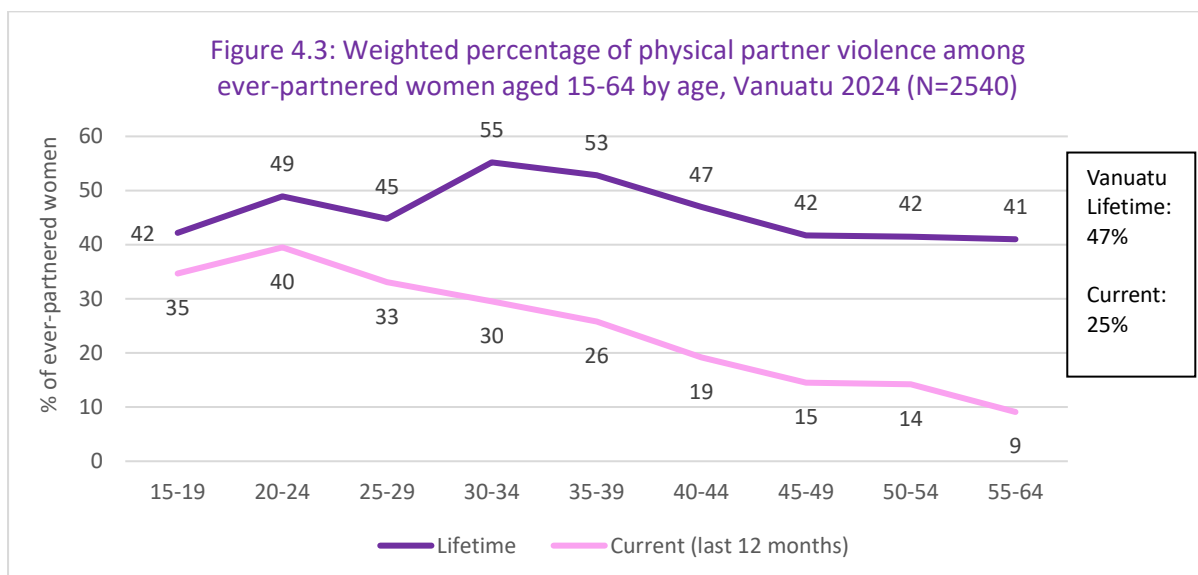
Source: Annex 2, Table 4.1.

Physical intimate partner violence is more likely to occur in rural areas, where more than half (51%) are abused over their lifetime, compared to 32% in urban areas. Similarly, current prevalence is somewhat higher in rural areas (27%) compared with urban areas (16%). Looking at the current prevalence of physical violence by age shows us the following (Figure 4.3):

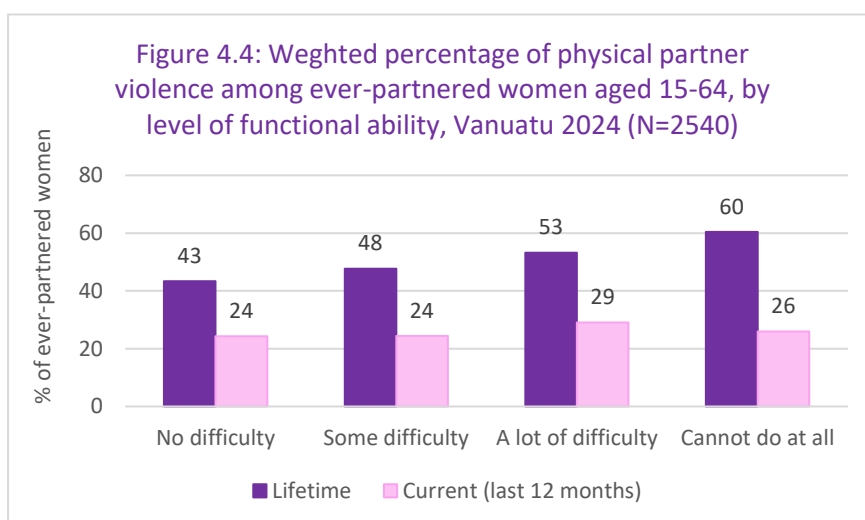
- Young women are currently most at risk of being physically abused by their husbands. Physical violence by husbands and partners starts at the very beginning of the relationship

for many women – 27% of girls aged 15-17 are currently being physically assaulted by their intimate partners, and 39% of those aged 18 to 19, compared with 35% for girls aged 15-19 and a national average of 25% (Table 4.1 of Annex 2 and Figure 4.3).

- As women age, they are less likely to be physically assaulted by their partners. However, physical assault continues for a lot of women regardless of age, and almost 1 in 10 (9%) are still being physically abused when they are 55 years and older.



Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2.



Section 3.2 noted that the prevalence of violence against women living with disabilities is likely to be under-reported in the survey. Nevertheless, the findings show that the more difficulty a woman has, and the more severe her disabilities are, the more likely she is to be physically abused by her husband or partner in her lifetime (Figure 4.4).

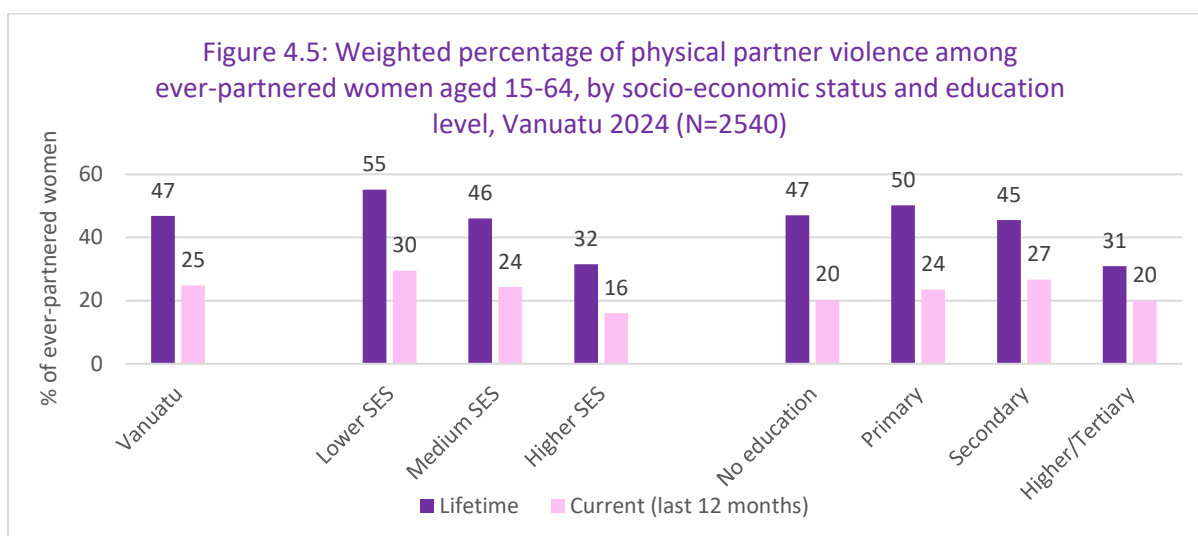
Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2.

Although the prevalence rates vary somewhat according to religion, socio-economic status and level of education, the data shows that none of these factors protect women from experiencing physical abuse over the lifetime, or in the past 12 months (Figure 4.5). For example:

- 20% of women with no education were physically assaulted by their husbands or partner in the last 12 months, and 20% of women who have completed tertiary education were also physically assaulted.
- Among those women who completed primary education, 24% were physically assaulted in the last 12 months; this compares with 27% of women who completed secondary education.

- The prevalence of physical violence by husbands and partners decreases as with socio-economic status increases. Nevertheless, more than 3 in 10 women with the high socio-economic status (32%) experience physical abuse in their lifetime.

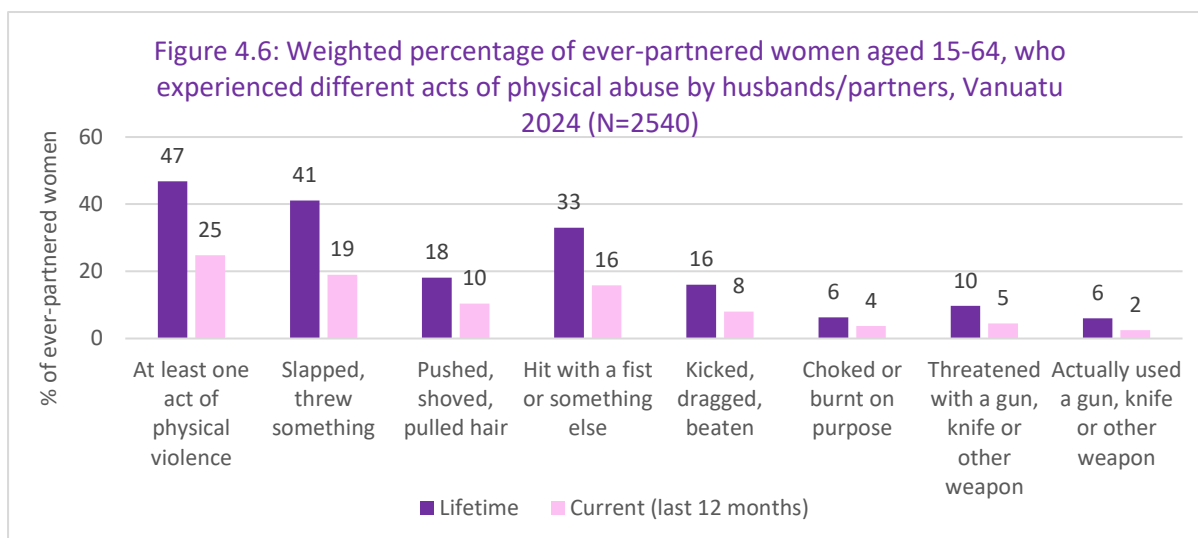
*“One of the interviewers was disappointed because the household head had chased her away and would not let her talk to his wife. He also would not answer the household questionnaire. But the interviewer thought, ‘I must go back and meet that woman.’ She went again the next day, when the husband was not there, and the respondent felt very good about having the opportunity to do the interview. Her husband is a business man of high status.” (Team Leader, VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)*



Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2. Notes: SES – socio-economic status, measured using a household assets index.

### How severe is physical violence by husbands and partners?

Many women are living with several different acts of physical abuse. The most common acts are slapping, having something thrown at them, or being hit with a fist or something else. Sadly, 10% are threatened with a weapon during their lifetime, and 6% are actually attacked with a weapon (Figure 4.6).



Source: Table 4.2, Annex 2.



***“We hear people say that domestic violence is ‘just a slap’.***

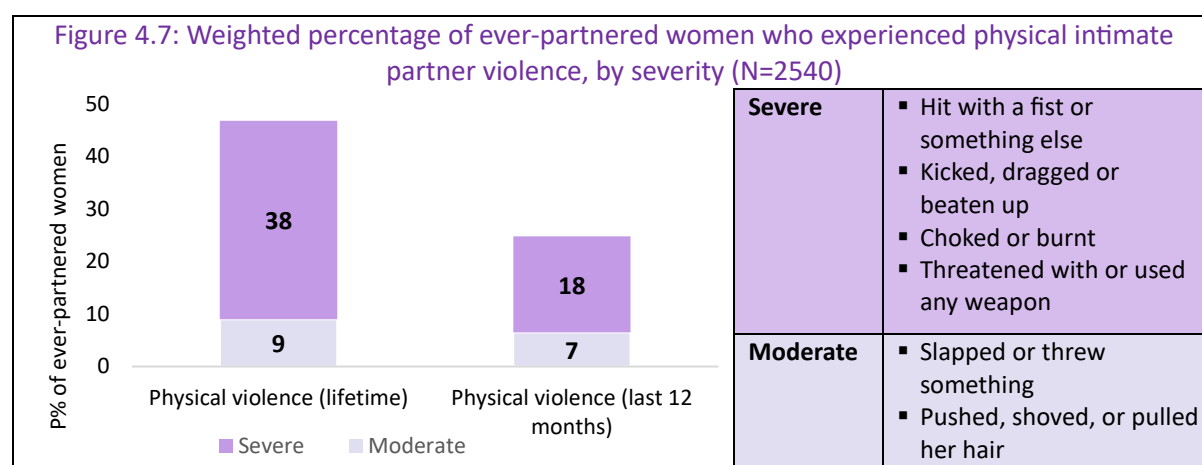
*But the cases that we have coming to our centres and the women who urgently need safehouse accommodation confirm that many women are in great danger, because they are suffering from severe physical violence.*

*This data on severity reminds me of one such case, where the client took out a Family Protection Order. Her partner bashed her in front of the magistrate. Later, he hit her with a hammer.”*

*(VWC Counsellor Supervisor, VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)*

During the last 12 months, almost 2 in 10 ever-partnered women in Vanuatu (18%) experienced severe forms of physical violence, such as being hit with a fist, kicked or beaten up, choked, burnt, attacked with a weapon of some kind, or threatened with a weapon (Figure 4.7). Over their lifetimes, almost 4 in 10 women in Vanuatu (38%) are subjected to these forms of severe physical abuse by their husbands or partners.

While nothing in their backgrounds protects women from experiencing severe physical violence, there are some differences between groups. Women living with severe disabilities are more likely to experience the most severe forms of physical abuse from their husbands and partners, with 59% experiencing these acts in their lifetimes, and 22% in the last 12 months (compared with national rates of 38% and 18%). Women living in rural areas are also more likely to experience the most severe forms of physical abuse: 41% compared with 38% nationally and 26% in urban areas (Table 4.3 in Annex 2).

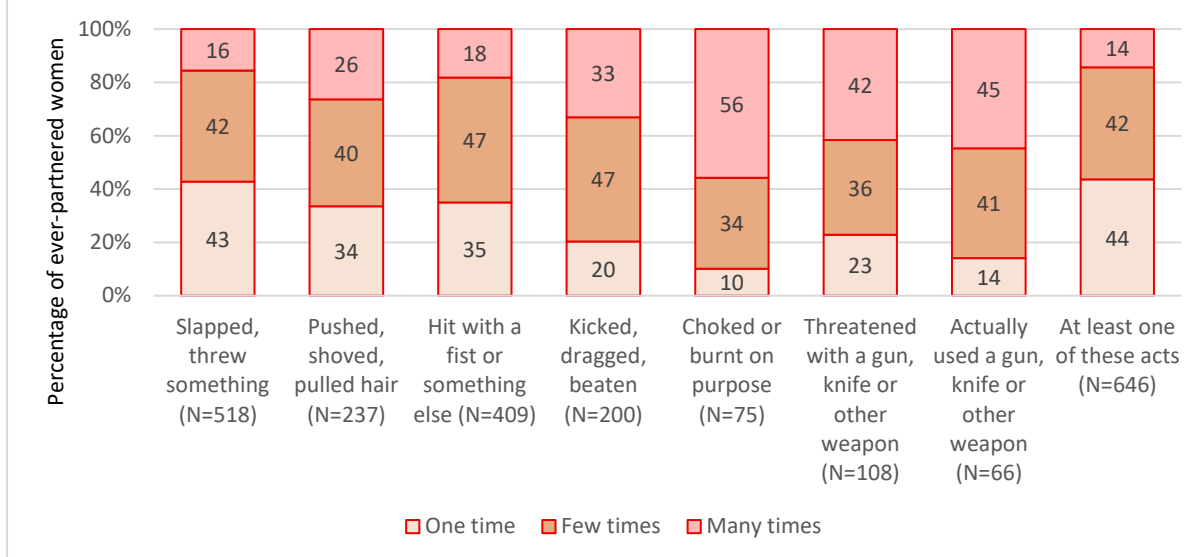


Source: Table 4.3, Annex 2.

### **Frequency of physical violence by husbands and partners: how often do women experience physical violence by their partners?**

Women living with physical partner violence are usually assaulted more than once: in the last 12 months before the survey, more than half (56%) of those who experienced physical partner violence have been subjected to repeated acts of physical violence, including 14% who were assaulted many times, and 42% a few times (Figure 4.8).

Figure 4.8: Frequency of different acts of physical partner violence among ever-partnered women aged 15-64 in the last 12 months, Vanuatu 2024



Source: Table 4.4, Annex 2. Note: percentages are weighted. N (number of women experiencing each act) is unweighted.

The data in Figure 4.8 show that **men who use the most severe forms of abuse** – kicking, dragging, beating up, choking, burning or threatening to actually using a weapon (such as a gun, wood, knife, or iron bar) are very likely to do so frequently in any 12 month period. **This is an important piece of data for the justice sector to take very seriously.**

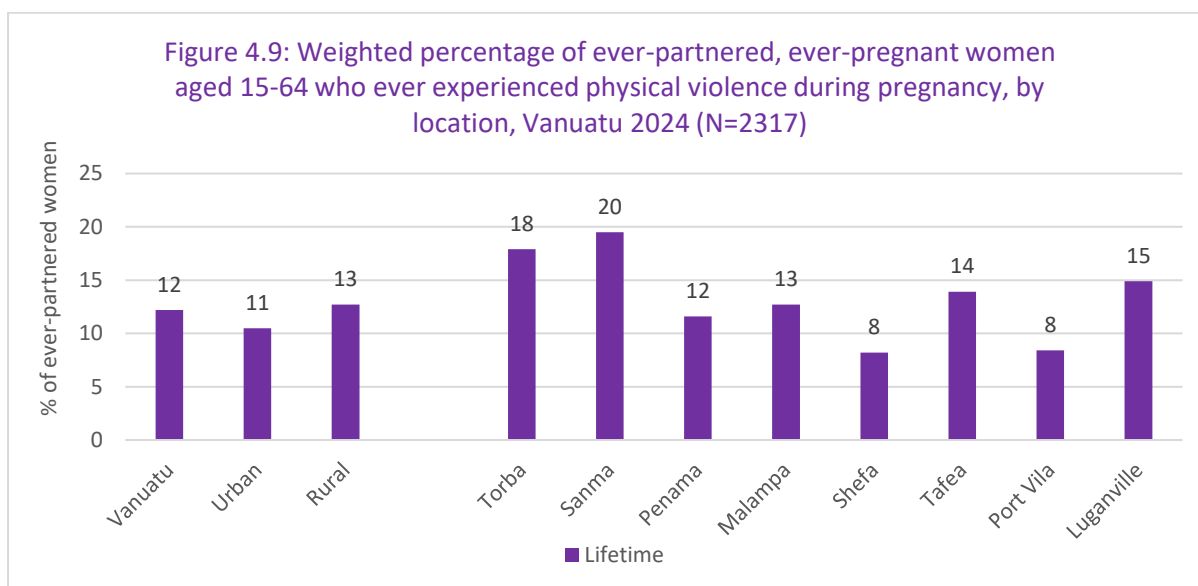
*“The client fled here to Port Vila. The police were given money by the husband for their flights to come here and take her back to Luganville on a minor charge of theft from her husband. The police took her back to her home without VWC’s knowledge. VWC made a complaint to the police about their handling of the case. She stayed in a safehouse for a short time, and then stayed with relatives. He had threatened to stab her, and he was released on bail when he stabbed her and killed her on her way back from work”. (Case study from VWC’s monitoring and evaluation database)*

## How many women are subjected to physical violence during pregnancy?

Overall, 12% of women (more than 1 in 10 ever-partnered ever-pregnant women) have been physically assaulted during pregnancy. Prevalence is higher in rural than urban areas, and there is considerable variation in prevalence by location, age and socio-economic status and disability. However, there is not much difference in prevalence rates by levels of education (Figure 4.9 and Table 4.5 in Annex 2).

- Sanma, Torba and Luganville have the highest rates of physical assault during pregnancy (20%, 18% and 15% respectively), whereas rates for Port Vila and Shefa as a whole are somewhat lower at 8%.
- Women in the 30-34 age bracket have a considerably higher rate at 22%, compared with 12% for the country as a whole.
- Women from the high socio-economic group have a lower prevalence of physical abuse during pregnancy (9%), compared with 13% for those in the lower and medium socio-economic groups.
- Women living with the most severe disabilities are also more likely to be physically assaulted during pregnancy: 16% have experienced this compared with 12% nation-wide.

- Women who have completed secondary education experience the highest prevalence at 13%, but this is not much above the national average of 12%; 11% of those with no education or primary education suffer this form of abuse, and 12% of those who have completed tertiary education.



Source: Table 4.5, Annex 2.

*“During the survey, we observed some of the impacts of domestic violence on women who live in very remote places. We went to some areas that VWC has never been to before. In one place, some women did not have access to the health care they needed due to domestic violence. There was one case where a woman had to deliver her baby in her own house. She told the interviewer that she had been beaten for the whole 9 months during her pregnancy. She lost her baby, and when we were there, she was 3 months pregnant again. When she was interviewed, she said she wanted to go back to her own island. She had been badly assaulted and we assisted her to get to on the boat and to hospital. One of VWC’s branches asked the police to help, and they assisted the client to remove her belongings and get to her home island. She followed up to thank VWC for helping her. She told us that she lost her second baby as well.”*

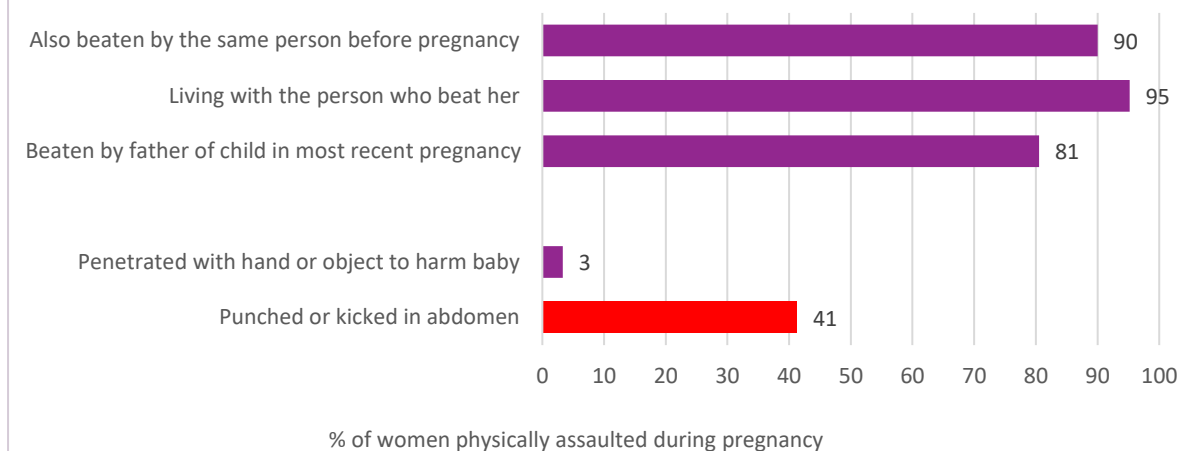
*(Team Leader, VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)*

#### **Circumstances of physical violence during pregnancy: was she beaten by the father of the child, and does the severity of physical assault reduce or get worse when she is pregnant?**

Overall, 299 women said that they had been beaten during pregnancy. Of these, 41% had been beaten or kicked in the abdomen. Most said that they had been beaten by the same person before the pregnancy began (88%), and the vast majority (99%) were living with the person who beat her while she was pregnant. In most cases (80%), women said that the father of the child was the person who beat her during pregnancy (Figure 4.10).

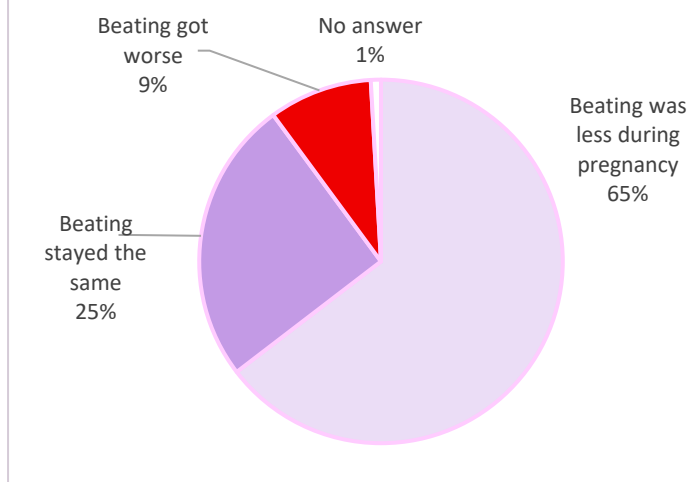
Thankfully, for 65% of the women physically abused during pregnancy (almost 2 in 3), the beating reduced during pregnancy, compared with before the pregnancy. However, for 35% (1 in 3), the violence got worse or stayed the same as before she was pregnant (Figure 4.11).

Figure 4.10: Circumstances of physical violence during pregnancy: weighted percentage of women who were physically assaulted during pregnancy, Vanuatu 2024 (N=299)



Source: Table 4.6, Annex 2.

Figure 4.11: Changes in severity of physical assault during pregnancy, among women who were beaten by the same person before pregnancy, Vanuatu 2024 (N=261)



Source: Table 4.6, Annex 2. Note: percentages are weighted.

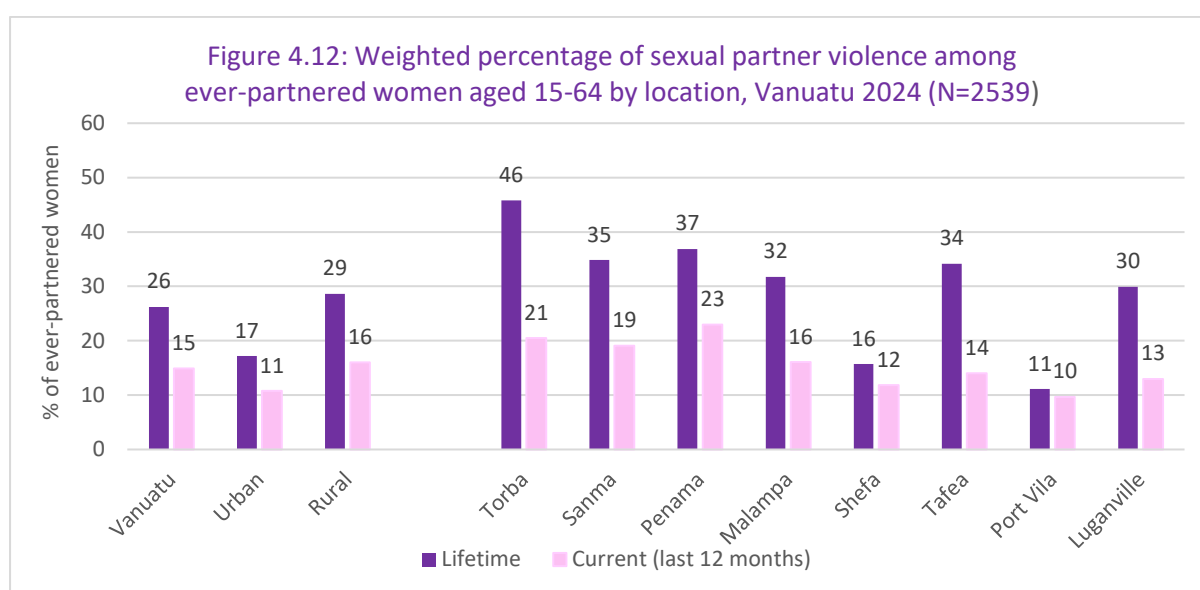
*“We are seeing pregnant mothers coming in with serious assault. We recently referred one to the hospital, she was badly beaten, and 6 months pregnant. The doctor said the heartbeat of the child was weak. VWC supported her to get to another island. She had been living with her situation for 5 years. This was her third pregnancy when she came to get help from us, but she had been physically abused during the other 2 pregnancies also.”*  
(Client case from VWC’s monitoring and evaluation database, VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)

## 4.2 Sexual violence by an intimate partner

### How many women are subjected to sexual violence by husbands and partners?

More than 1 in 4 women (26%) said that they had been sexually abused by their husband or partner in their lifetime, and 15% in the previous 12 months before the survey. While there are considerable variations in prevalence rates between provinces over the lifetime, there is much less variation in rates in the last 12 months (Figure 4.12).

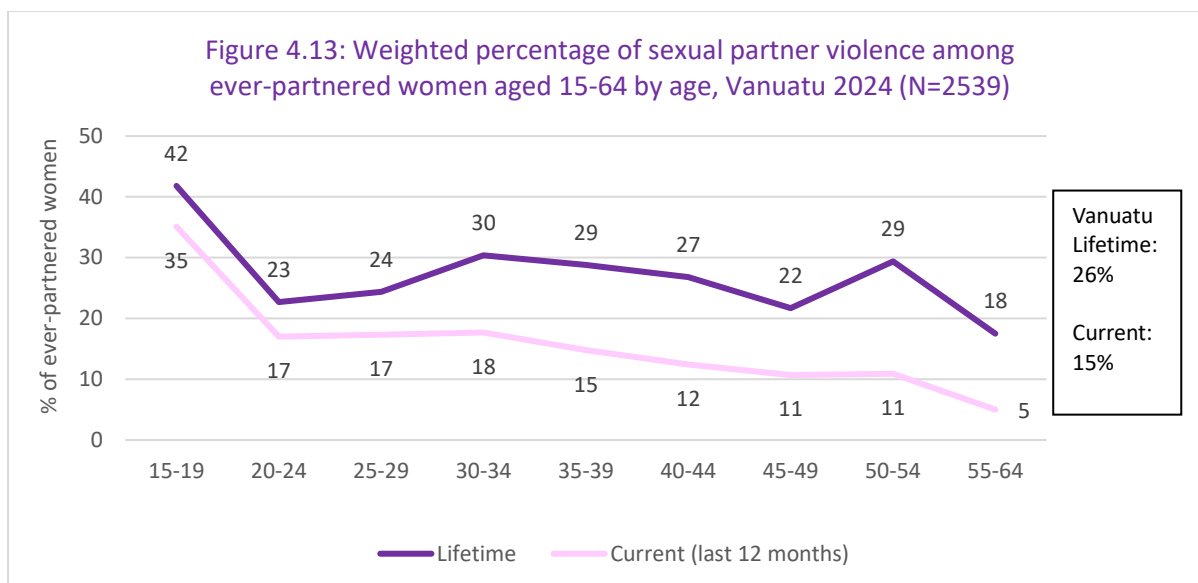
- Sexual intimate partner violence is more prevalent in rural than urban areas, with almost 3 in 10 women being subjected to this in their lifetime in rural areas (29%), compared with less than 2 in 10 (17%) in urban areas.
- While Torba has the highest lifetime prevalence of sexual partner violence (46% or almost 5 in 10), most of the other locations are also high. Shefa and Port Vila have the lowest lifetime rates of sexual partner violence (16% and 11% respectively).
- Similar patterns are seen in the 12 months prevalence rates.



Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2.

Overall, young women aged 15-19 have much higher rates of sexual violence by partners/husbands than older women, with around 4 in 10 experiencing this both in the short lifetimes and in the last 12 months (42% in their lifetimes, compared with the national prevalence rate of 26%). Currently, young women are experiencing sexual partner violence at more than double national rate (35% compared with 15%). The data shows that for many women, sexual abuse by husbands and partners persists throughout their lifetime: currently, almost 2 in 10 women aged 20 to 34, and more than 1 in 10 in their forties and fifties are being subjected to this, with 5% are still living with sexual abuse in their late fifties and sixties (Figure 4.13).

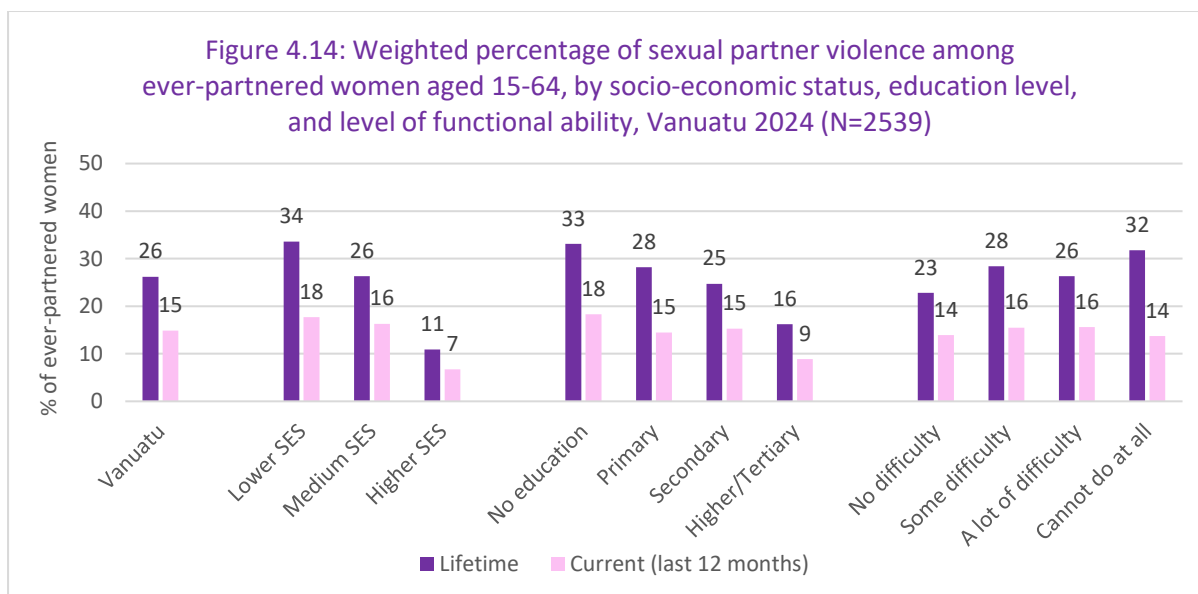




Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2.

Women with higher socio-economic status and higher or tertiary education are somewhat less likely to be subjected to sexual abuse by their partners or husbands in the 12 months before the survey.

Although women with the most severe disabilities are more likely (32%) to be sexually abused in their lifetime (32% compared with the national prevalence of 26%), current rates do not show much variation, with women of all levels of ability experiencing at much the same rate (Figure 4.14).

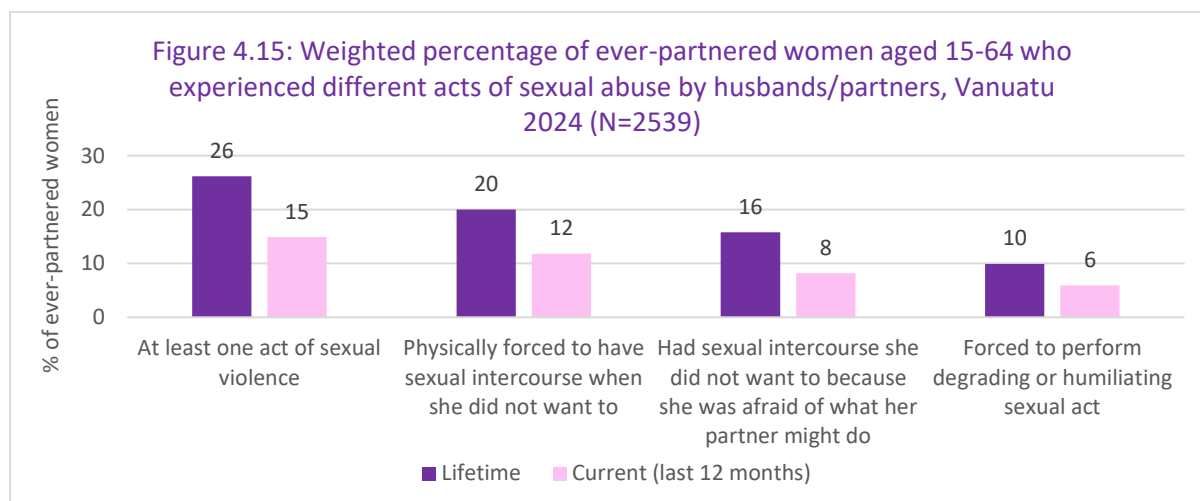


Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2. Notes: SES – socio-economic status, measured using a household assets index.

While the prevalence of sexual intimate partner violence does vary by religion, these variations are not significant, and it clear that no particular denomination protects women from sexual violence by the husband or partner.

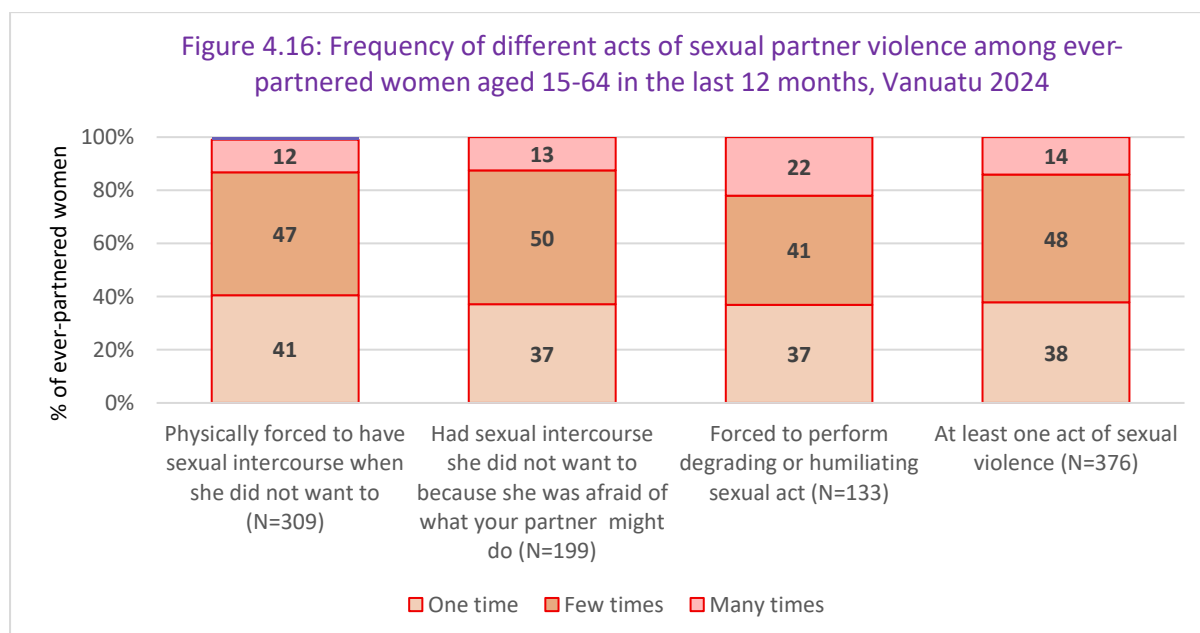
**Frequency of sexual violence by husbands and partners: how often do women experience sexual violence by their partners? And how often does physical violence also include sexual violence?**

Among those who are experiencing sexual partner abuse, many are subjected to more than one type of abuse. While 12% were raped by their husbands in the previous 12 months before the survey, 8% were coerced due to fear, and 6% were forced to do something that they considered to be degrading or humiliating (Figure 4.15).



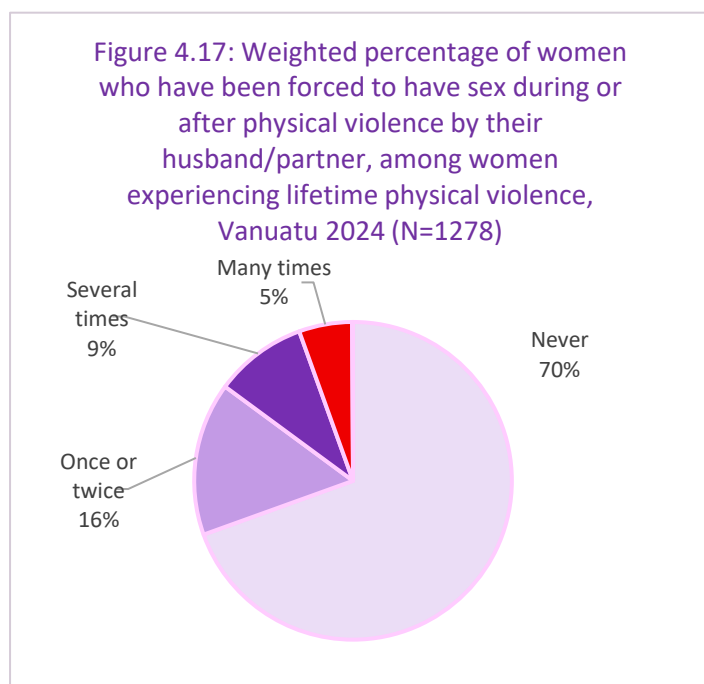
Source: Table 4.7, Annex 2.

Most women living with sexual partner violence were subjected to several different acts of abuse in the past 12 months. About 6 in 10 (62%) were abused more than once: 14% were abused many times, 48% were sexually abused a few times, and the remaining 38% were sexually abused once in the last 12 months (Figure 4.16). In addition, among women who experienced physical violence in their lifetime, 30% were also forced to have sex after the physical attack: 5% said this happened many times, 9% said it happened several times, and 16% said it occurred once or twice (Figure 4.17).



Source: Table 4.8, Annex 2. Note: percentages are weighted.

There was considerable discussion about the findings on sexual partner violence in the VWC interpretation workshop, where staff considered the data alongside their experience with clients. In general, VWC staff believe that these data under-estimate the prevalence of sexual violence, due to the cultural norms which make women reluctant to talk about sex in any circumstances.



*“Unless she has been to our workshops, she won’t know that she has a right to refuse.”*

*“‘If your husband says, follow.’ This is the custom in urban and rural areas.”*

*“Many women don’t know what forced sex or marital rape is, unless they have been to our workshops.”*

*“Even during counselling, it can take several sessions for her to even tell us about sexual violence, there is great fear and taboo about talking of these things.”*

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 18/3/2025)*

### 4.3 Physical and/or sexual violence – the main international indicator for intimate partner violence

The experience of physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence among women has long been the international standard measure for comparisons between countries. Although the sustainable development goal (SDG) indicator on gender equality (Box 4.2) includes psychological violence, data for sexual and/physical partner violence for the previous 12 months is the current measure used (United Nations Economic and Social Council, 2025: 78).<sup>7</sup>

#### **Box 4.2: Sustainable Development Goal 5 – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**

##### **Target 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres**

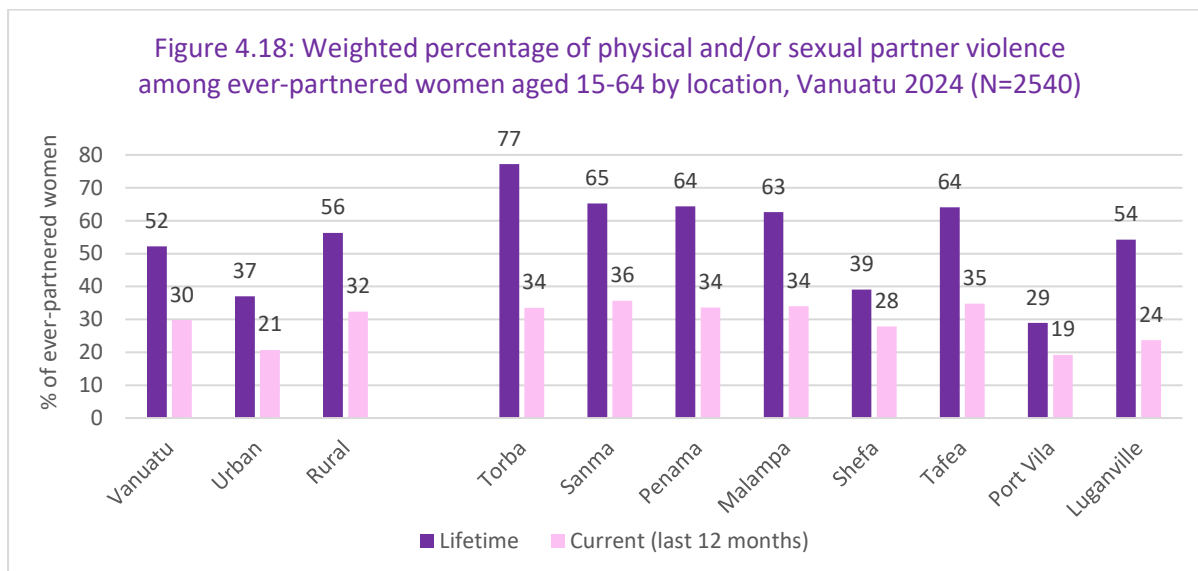
**Indicator 5.2.1:** Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age.

#### **How many women are subjected to either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence by husbands and partners?**

Combining physical and sexual partner violence provides another perspective on the day-to-day lives of women in Vanuatu and how they may be suffering from violence, particularly when we take into account the data on severity and frequency presented above. Several trends are clear (Figure 4.18):

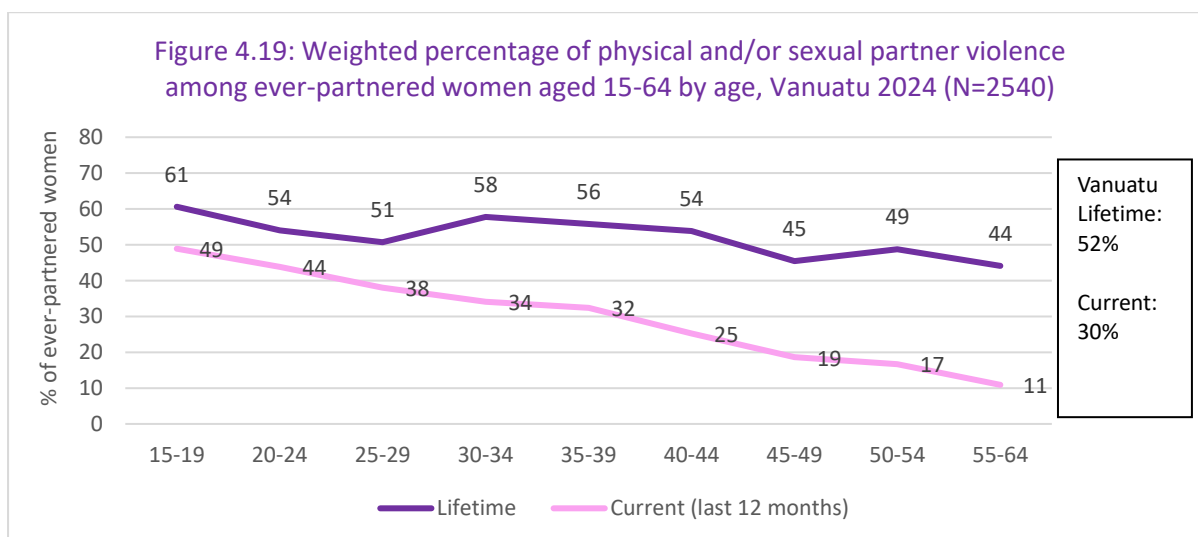
<sup>7</sup> International comparisons for the 15-49 age group, the standard age range used, will be included in chapter 11. Data presented in this section is for the 15-64 age range.

- Women living in rural areas are considerably more likely to experience either or both of these forms of violence in their lifetimes and in the past 12 months. More than half of rural women experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence over their lifetimes (56%), and more than 3 in 10 in the past 12 months (32%). This compares with just under 4 in 10 women in urban areas (37%) over the lifetime, and 2 in 10 over the last 12 months (21%).



Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2.

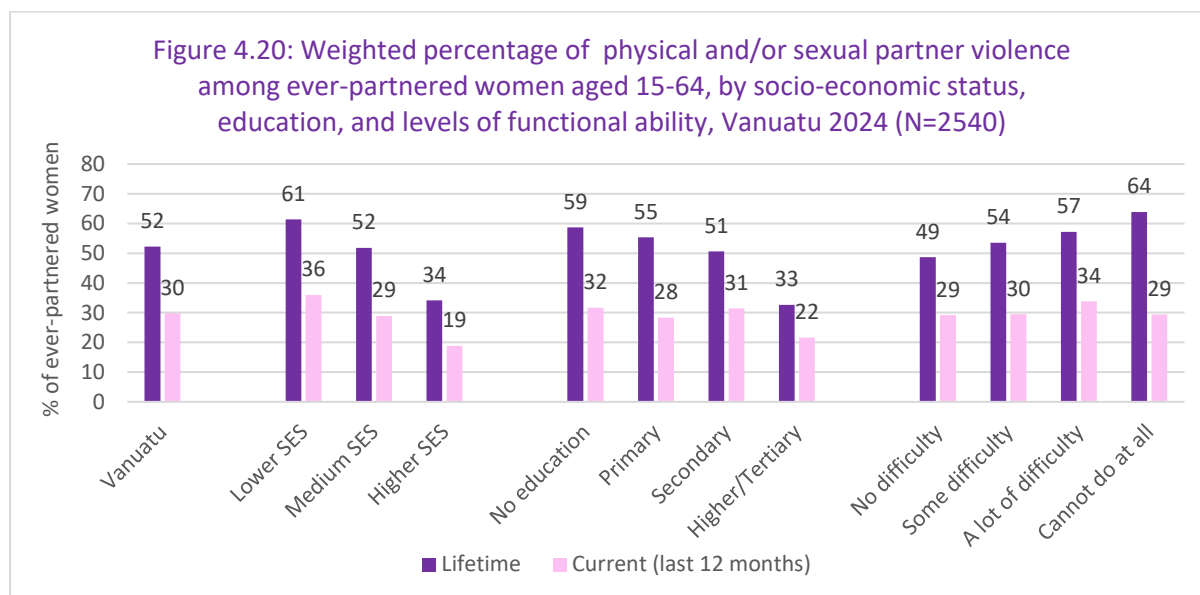
- Lifetime prevalence is extraordinarily high in most provinces, ranging from a high of 77% in Torba to 63% in Malampa. Shefa province and Port Vila are outliers, with 39% and 29% lifetime prevalence compared with the national rate of 52%.
- However, variations in current prevalence are smaller between locations, ranging from a high of 36% in Sanma, to a low of 19% in Port Vila, compared with the national rate of 30%.



Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2.

Similarly, the trend of higher prevalence in both physical and sexual violence among young women is just as stark when the two forms of violence are combined. Women aged 15-24 are at significantly greater risk of being abused by their partners: about half of women and girls aged 15-19 are currently being abused early in their relationships (49%), compared with the national prevalence rate for current violence of 30%. While current rates of physical or sexual violence do decrease as women

age, it clearly persists throughout the life cycle into middle age for many, and for more than 1 in 10 it persists into their 60s. (Figure 4.19).



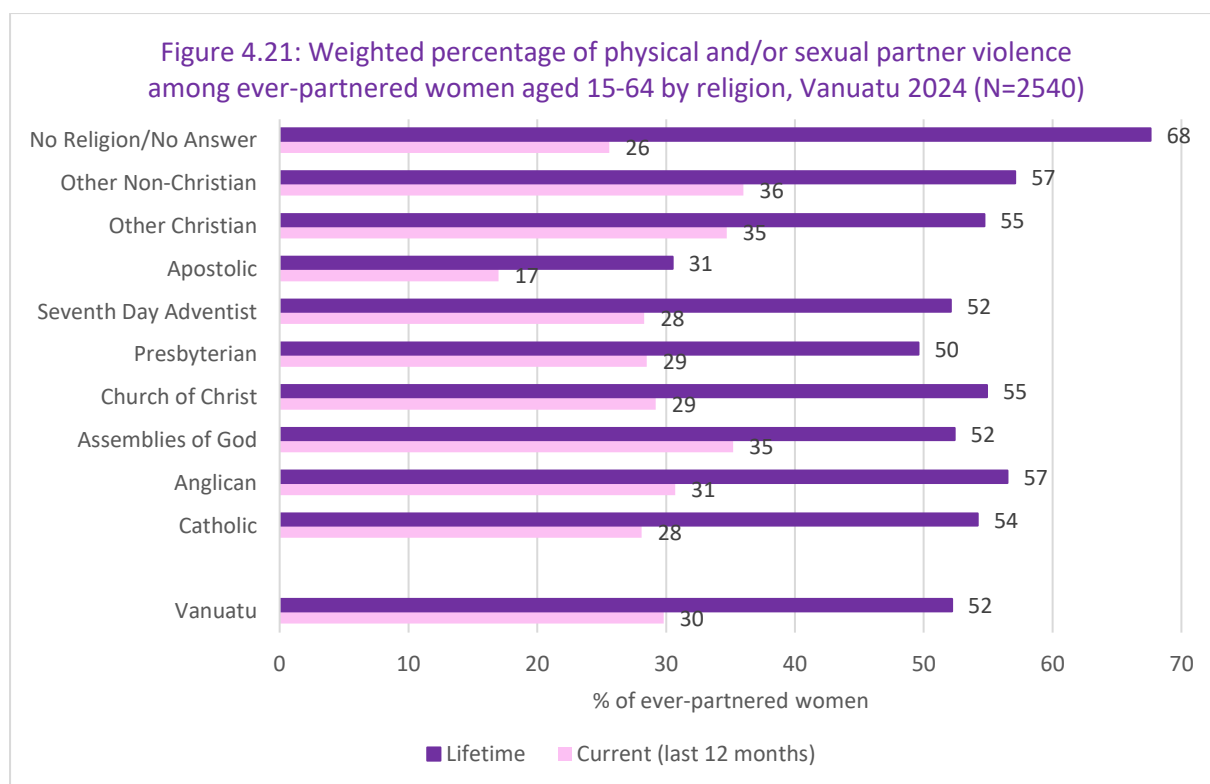
Source: Table 4.1, Annex 2. Notes: SES – socio-economic status, measured using a household assets index.

When we compare current rates of physical and/or sexual partner violence by other key characteristics, there is little variation from the national prevalence rate of 30% overall. The most notable variations are that women with higher socio-economic status and tertiary education have somewhat lower prevalence rates (19% and 22% respectively) than the national average (Figure 4.20). Although both the lifetime and current prevalence for these groups are lower, it does not protect women with higher status or education from living with domestic violence.

Looking at disability status tells a somewhat different story: lifetime prevalence increases according to the severity of women's disabilities, but current prevalence is very close to the national rate regardless of level of disability/difficulty (Figure 4.20). Cautious interpretation of these findings is needed, given the international consensus that surveys such as these are expected to under-report the true rate of prevalence for women living with disabilities (WHO 2024: 4-5).

Great caution is also needed when interpreting breakdowns of prevalence data by religion: very few women interviewed were in the categories of "no religion", "other non-Christian" and "Apostolic" (see the N counts for each category in Annex 2 statistical tables). Consequently, these findings are not as reliable as others, and no conclusions can be drawn from variations in prevalence data for these three groups. For all the other religious groups and denominations, there is very little variation in either lifetime or current prevalence of physical or sexual partner violence. The main conclusion that can be drawn from this data is that women from all religions and denominations in Vanuatu are suffering from these forms of violence, and that no one type of religious observance protects women from these acts. VWC's experience over many years in both counselling and community education confirms this interpretation (Figure 4.21).





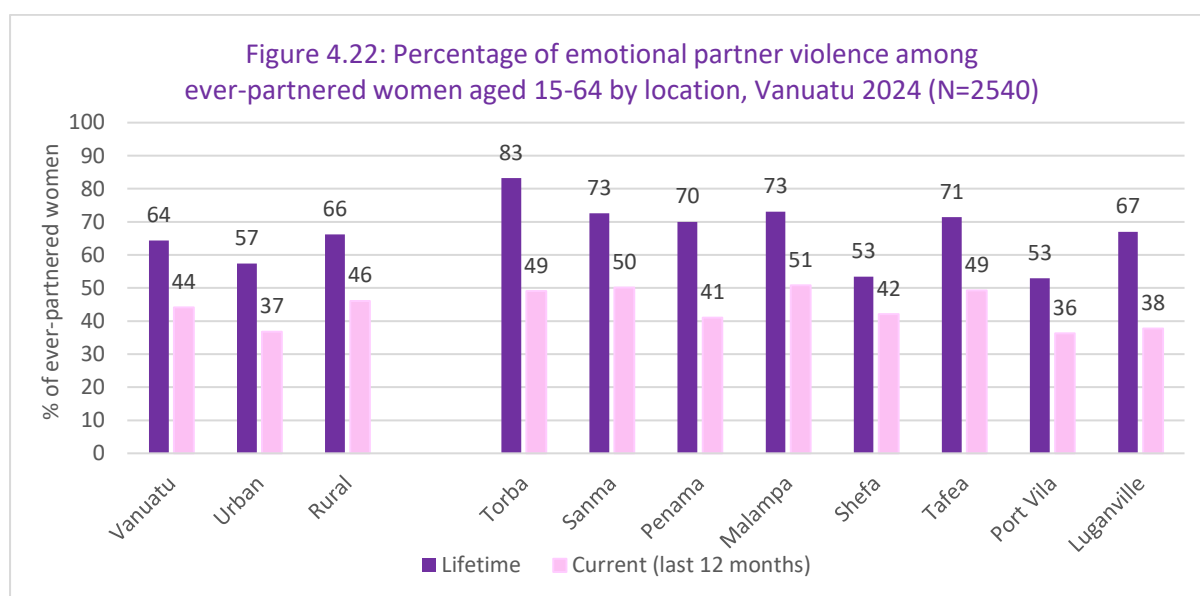
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## 4.4 Emotional abuse by husbands or partners

### How many women are subjected to emotional violence by husbands and partners?

Overall, more than 6 in 10 women (64%) have experienced emotional partner violence in their lifetime throughout Vanuatu, and 44% in the last 12 months. The pattern of higher prevalence rates in rural areas is repeated for emotional violence. There is some variation in lifetime prevalence rates by location (Figure 4.22):

- Torba has the highest prevalence rate of 83% (more than 8 in 10), followed by Sanma and Malampa at 73%, Tafea at 71%, Penama at 70% and Luganville at 67%.
- Emotional violence is somewhat less prevalent in Shefa province and Port Vila, at 53% (just over half) in the lifetime.



Source: Table 4.9, Annex 2.

There is much less variation by location in the current prevalence rates of emotional violence, although women in urban areas are again much less likely to be experiencing this abuse: 36% of women in Port Vila and 38% in Luganville are currently living with emotional violence, compared with 44% for the country as whole in the previous 12 months before the survey (Figure 4.22).

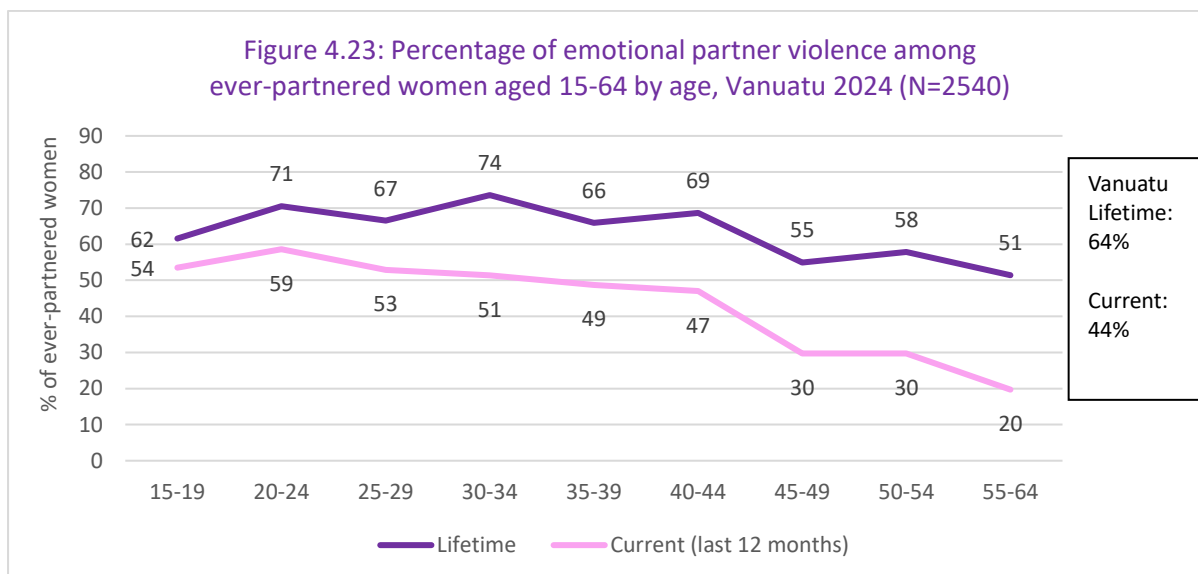
Although emotional partner violence is less common for older than younger women, for many, it persists throughout their lives (Figure 4.23):

- Women aged 20-24 have the highest prevalence of emotional partner violence in the last 12 months, at 59% or almost 6 in 10, compared with the national rate of 44%.
- Over half of the young women aged 15-19, as well as those aged 25 to 34 are currently living with emotional violence from their husbands and partners.
- Although the prevalence gradually declines as women age, 3 in 10 women aged 45 to 54 (30%) are still experiencing emotional violence now, and 20% of those aged 55 to 64.

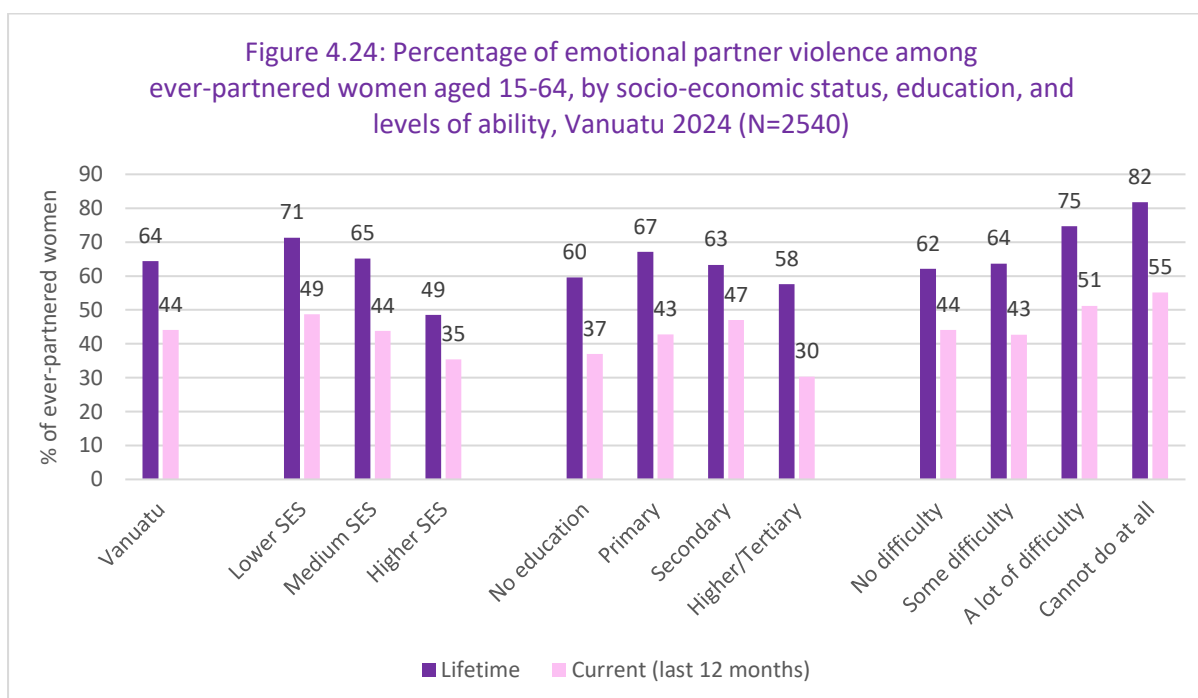
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*“From our experience in counselling clients, we know that emotional violence and coercive control take away her sense of her self-worth. Others do not see the suffering as clearly as if she has an injury such as a broken arm, even if she loses weight. It is harder to prove and explain to others, and you suffer silently.” (VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)*

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Source: Table 4.9, Annex 2.

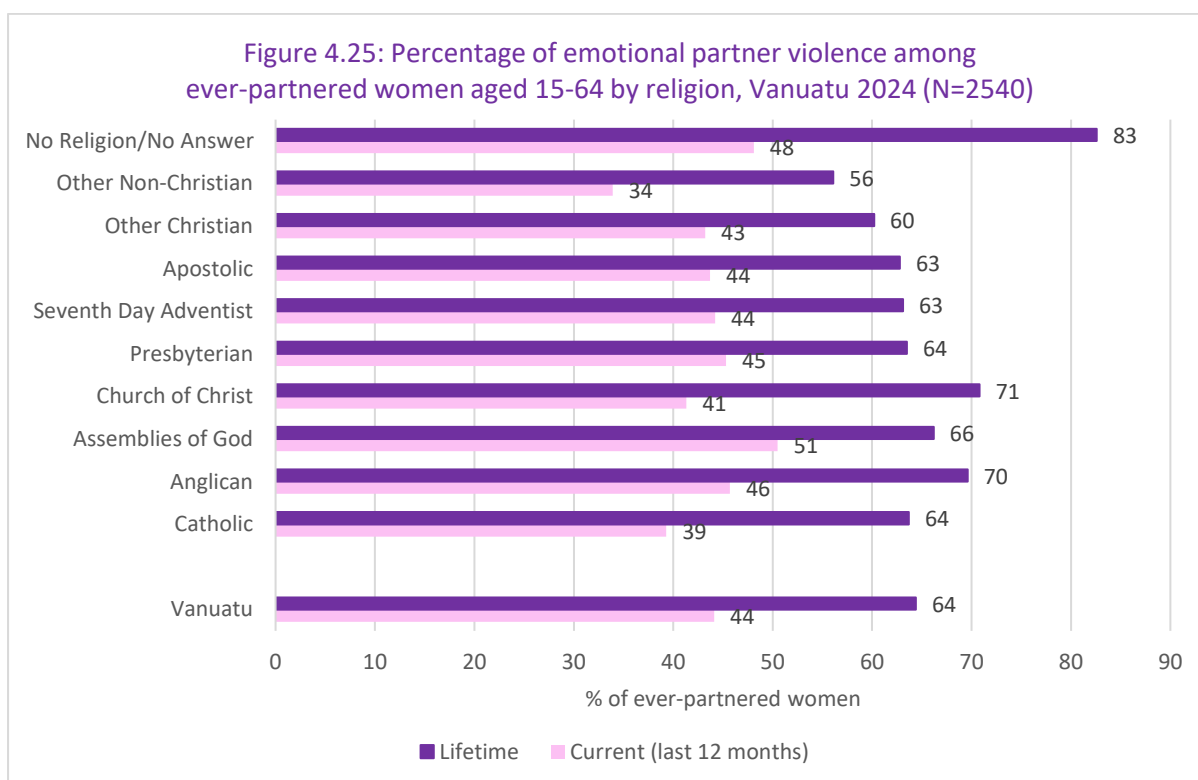


Source: Table 4.9, Annex 2. Notes: SES – socio-economic status, measured using a household assets index.

There is some variability in the prevalence of lifetime emotional partner violence by socio-economic status, education levels and levels of disability (Figure 4.24), although it is clear that neither socio-economic status nor education level is a protective factor:

- Lifetime and current prevalence of emotional partner violence is somewhat lower for women as their socio-economic status increases: 49% of women with lower socio-economic status experienced emotional partner violence in the last 12 months, compared with 44% with medium status and 35% with higher status.
- While 30% of women with tertiary education are currently living with emotional partner violence (compared with a national rate of 44%), women with no education at all also have a lower prevalence than the national rate at 37%. Women who have completed secondary education are the most likely to be living with emotional partner violence now (47%).

- There is a clear pattern of higher rates of emotional partner violence over the lifetime for women living with the most serious functional disabilities: those with no disabilities at all have a lifetime prevalence of 62%, and 64% of those with some difficulties have experienced emotional partner violence. This compares with a prevalence of 75% and 82% for those with more severe disabilities, including those who have a lot of difficulty with daily tasks and those who cannot do those tasks at all. The pattern is a little less striking for current prevalence of emotional violence, but it is still evident: 55% of women living with the most severe disabilities are living with emotional violence now, compared with 43%-44% for those with some of no functional disabilities.



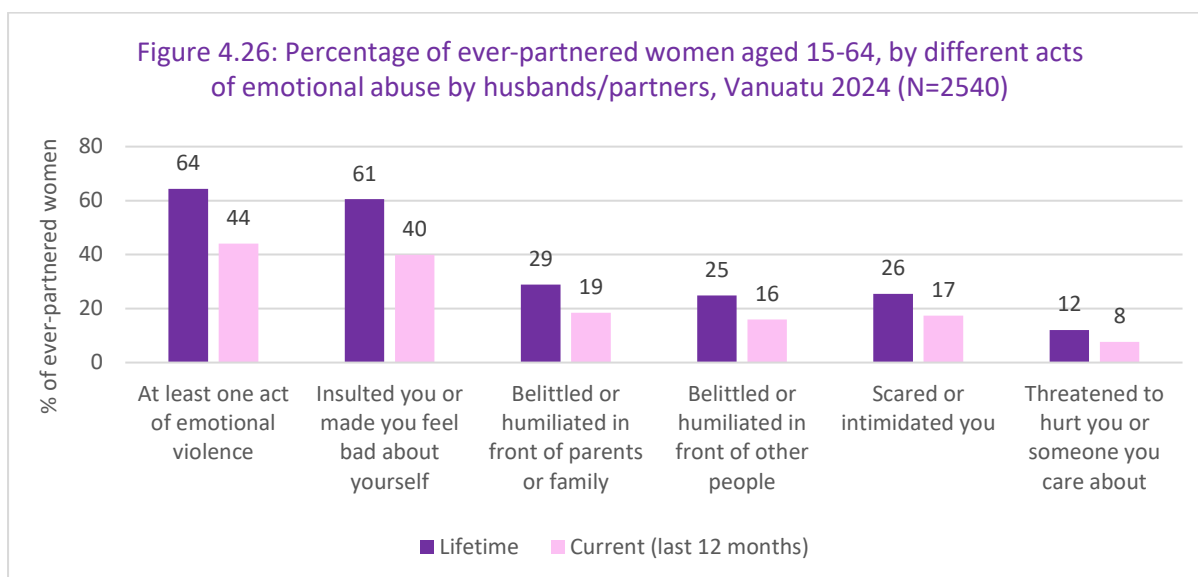
Source: Table 4.9, Annex 2.

Although there is some variability in the prevalence rates of emotional partner violence by religion, it is clear that women from all denominations are subjected to unacceptably high levels of this form of intimate partner violence, and that no particular religion will protect women from this over their lifetime, or in the past 12 months. It is not advisable to draw any conclusions about either the highest rate of lifetime violence (83% for those with no religion, or who did not answer this question), nor the lowest current rate (34% for other non-Christian), due to the lower number of respondents in these two categories (Table 4.9 of Annex 2 and Figure 4.25).

### **What types of emotional violence are women experiencing from their husbands and partners, and how frequently are they emotionally abused?**

The most prevalent act of emotional abuse is being insulted by the husband or partner, or made to feel bad about herself: 61% of women have experienced this in their lifetime, and 40% in the last 12 months. This compares with 64% and 44% respectively for any one act of emotional violence, and shows high overlap in the abusive acts measured by the survey; the vast majority of women who experience emotional abuse are subjected to more than one type of emotional abuse (Figure 4.26):

- Almost 3 in 10 women are belittled or humiliated in front of their parents, other family members (29%), or other people (25%) in their lifetime, and almost 2 in 10 were subjected to these humiliations in the past 12 months.
- More than 1 in 4 (26%) of ever-partnered women have been scared or intimidated by their husbands or partners on purpose in the lifetime. This question in the survey (Annex 1, question 704) specifically referred to verbal intimidation (by yelling at her), non-verbally (by the way he looked at her), or by destroying or smashing things. Almost 2 in 10 women (17%) were subjected to this intimidation in the previous 12 months before the survey.
- Disturbingly, more than 1 in 10 women (12%) have had a partner threatened to hurt them or someone they care about in their lifetime, and 8% (almost 1 in 10) have been threatened in the last 12 months.

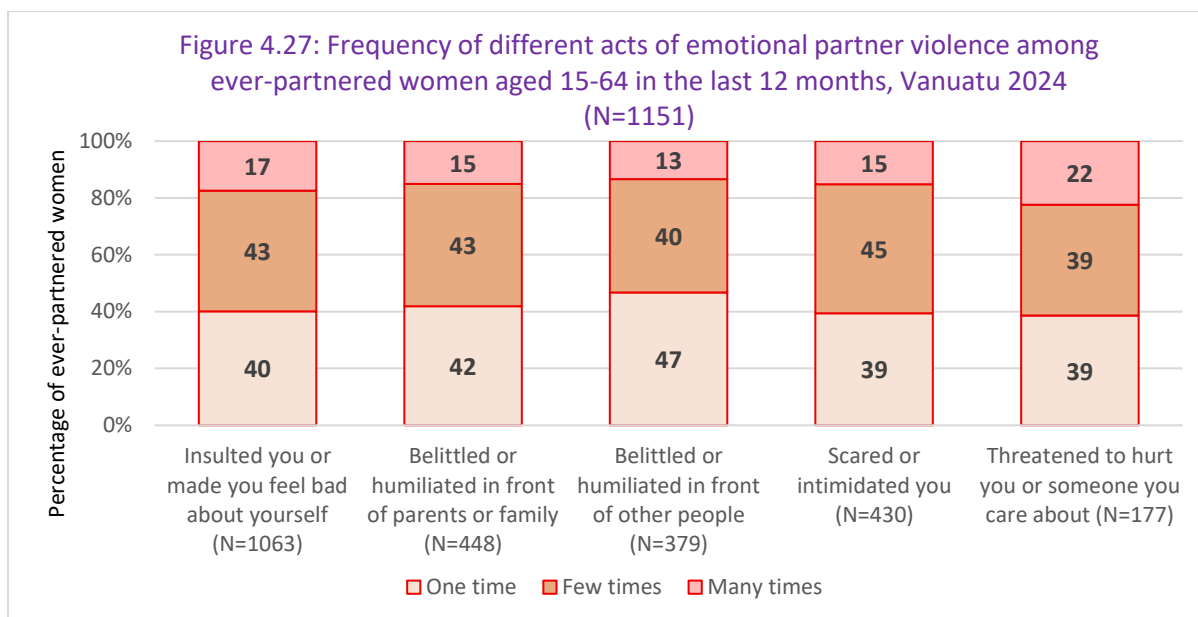


Source: Table 4.10, Annex 2.

Like physical and sexual partner violence, most women who are living with emotional violence are subjected to frequent abuse for each of the 5 acts covered in the questionnaire: about 6 in 10 said that they had been abused more than once for each act, and between 1 and 2 in 10 were subjected to these acts many times in the last 12 months (Figure 4.27). For example:

- 22% of women whose husbands threatened to hurt them or their loved ones were subjected to this many times in the last 12 months, 39% were threatened a few times, and 39% said it only happened once.
- 17% of women whose husbands insulted them, or tried to make them feel bad, were subjected to this many times in the last 12 months, and 43% had this happen a few times, with 40% saying it only happened once.
- 15% were frequently scared or intimidated on purpose by their husbands in the last 12 months, 45% said this happened a few times, and 39% it happened only once.
- Being belittled or humiliated in front of family other people is also not a one-off event for most women, with over 50% experiencing this either a few or many times in the past 12 months.





Source: Table 4.10, Annex 2.

*“When men get to know the law, they say ‘I didn’t hit her’, and the emotional violence increases and continues. **The challenge is to go beyond the definition of violence as just physical.** Men may stop the physical, but keep going with all the other forms of domestic violence.”*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)

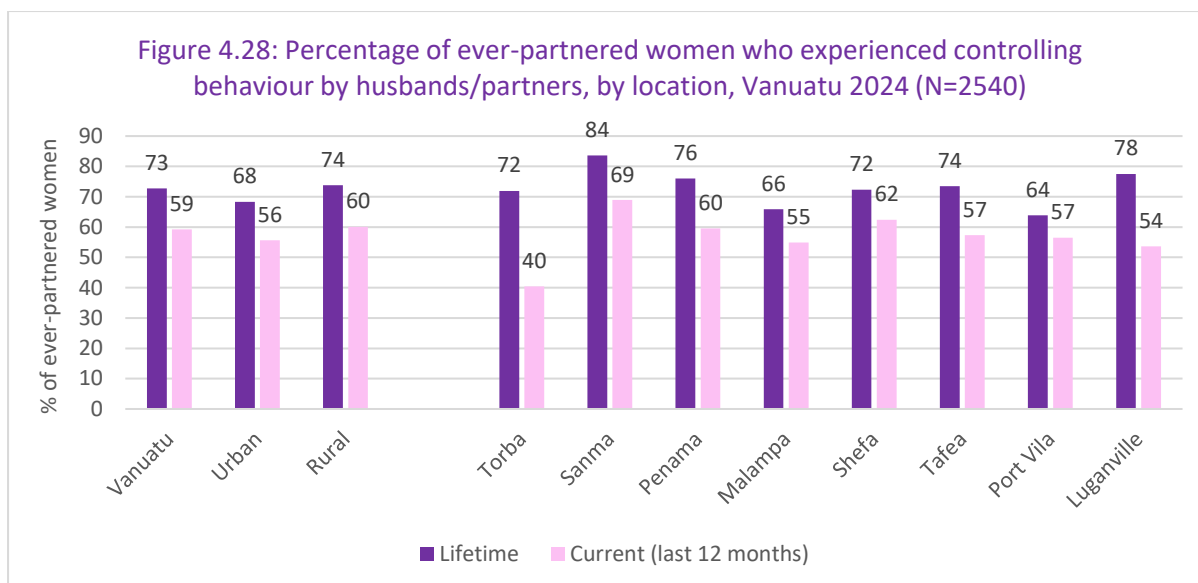
## 4.5 Controlling behaviours by husbands or partners

### How many women are subjected to controlling behaviours by husbands and partners?

The international standard measure for the prevalence of this indicators is at least one act of controlling behaviour. This standard is used for the analysis of prevalence in this section, in addition to looking at comparisons between the number of acts of control that women are subjected to. Whatever way this is measured, Vanuatu women are living with extraordinarily high levels of control by their husbands and partners.

Over their lifetimes, 73% of ever partnered women are subjected to some form of control by husbands and partners, and 59% are living with at least one act of controlling behaviour in the last 12 months. Once again, prevalence in rural areas is a little higher than in urban areas, but the breakdowns by location present a more nuanced picture (Figure 4.28).

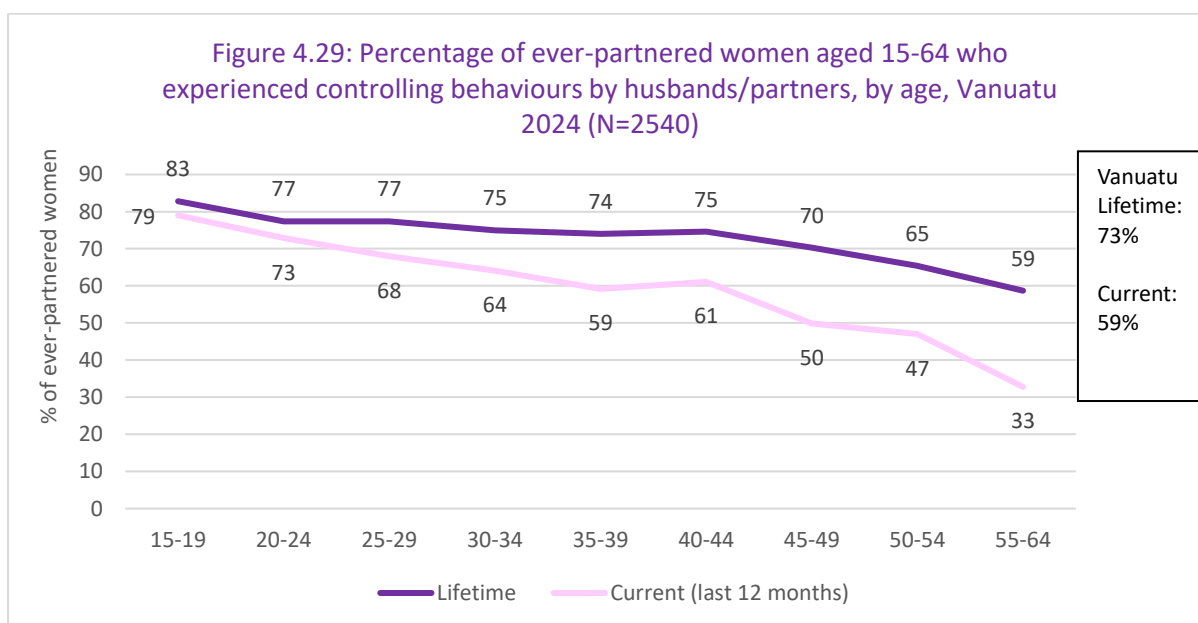
- Prevalence over a woman’s lifetime by location varies from a low of 64% in Port Vila, to a high of 84% (more than 8 in 10) in Sanma province and 78% in Luganville. Other provinces hover a few percentage points higher or lower than the national rate of 73%.
- Current prevalence rates by location also vary, but not with the same pattern as those over the lifetime. Torba province has the lowest prevalence (40%) in the last 12 months, followed by Luganville (54%). The highest current prevalence is 69% in Sanma province.



Source: Tables 4.11a and 4.11b, Annex 2.

The pattern of coercive control over the lifetime shows that this is a very persistent form of violence against women, and that it begins very early in relationships (Figure 4.29).

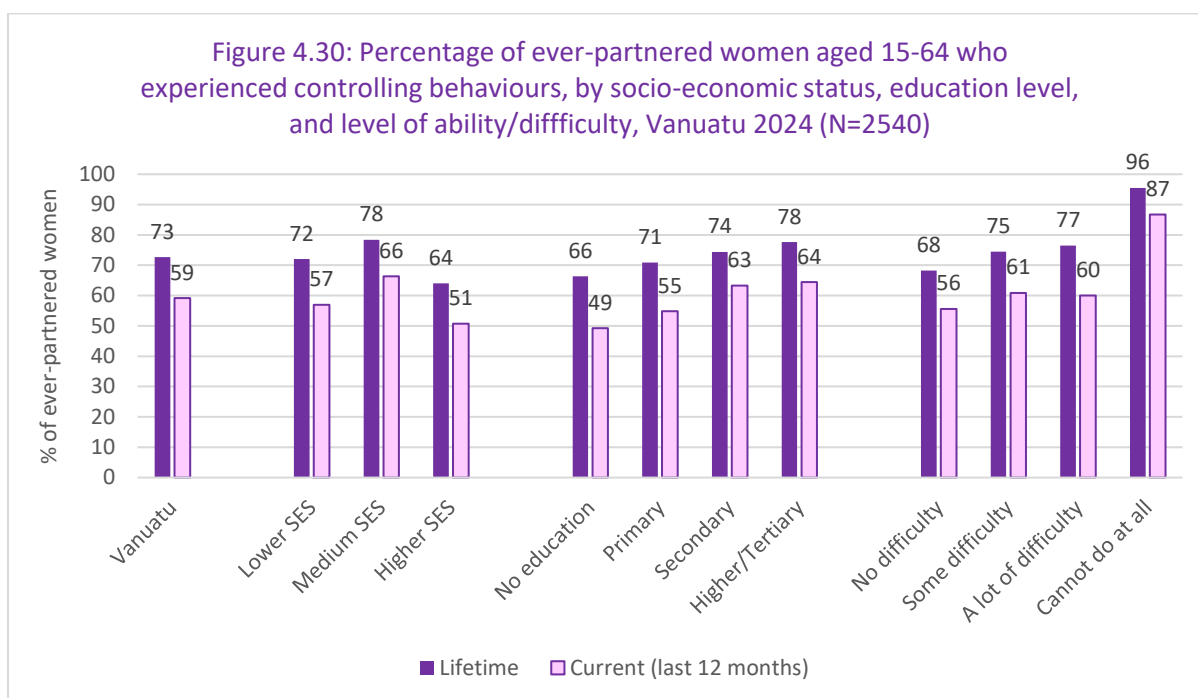
- Most young women and girls in Vanuatu are already experiencing some forms of coercion from their husbands and partners from the very beginning of their relationships, with 79% of 15-19 year olds having experienced at least one form of coercion in the last 12 months (about 8 in 10).
- While coercive control does gradually reduce somewhat with age, it is high across all age groups. A significant reduction is not seen until women reach 50 years age. Nevertheless, almost half of the women aged 50-54 were still living with coercive control in the last 12 months before the survey (47%). More than 3 in 10 women (33%) aged 55-64 are also currently experiencing coercive control.



Source: Tables 4.11a and 4.11b, Annex 2.

As with other forms of intimate partner violence, status and level of education do not protect women from coercive control by husbands and partners (Figure 4.30).

- Contrary to some expectations in the community, the higher women's level of education achieved, the more likely she is to be subjected to coercion. In the last 12 months, 49% of women with no education experienced at least one act of controlling behaviour, compared with 55% of those with secondary education, 63% of those with secondary education, and 64% of those with tertiary education. The same pattern is observed in both the lifetime and current prevalence rates.
- Although prevalence does vary somewhat according to socio-economic status, 66% of women with medium status (more than 6 in 10) experience coercion, compared with 57% of those in the lowest socio-economic cohort and 51% of those with high status.



Source: Tables 4.11a and 4.11b, Annex 2. Notes: SES – socio-economic status.

It is not surprising that women living with the highest level of functional disabilities/difficulties experience the highest rates of controlling behaviour by husbands and partners: 96% of these women experience this in their lifetime (almost all) and 87% (almost 9 in 10) are currently living with coercive control (Figure 4.30).

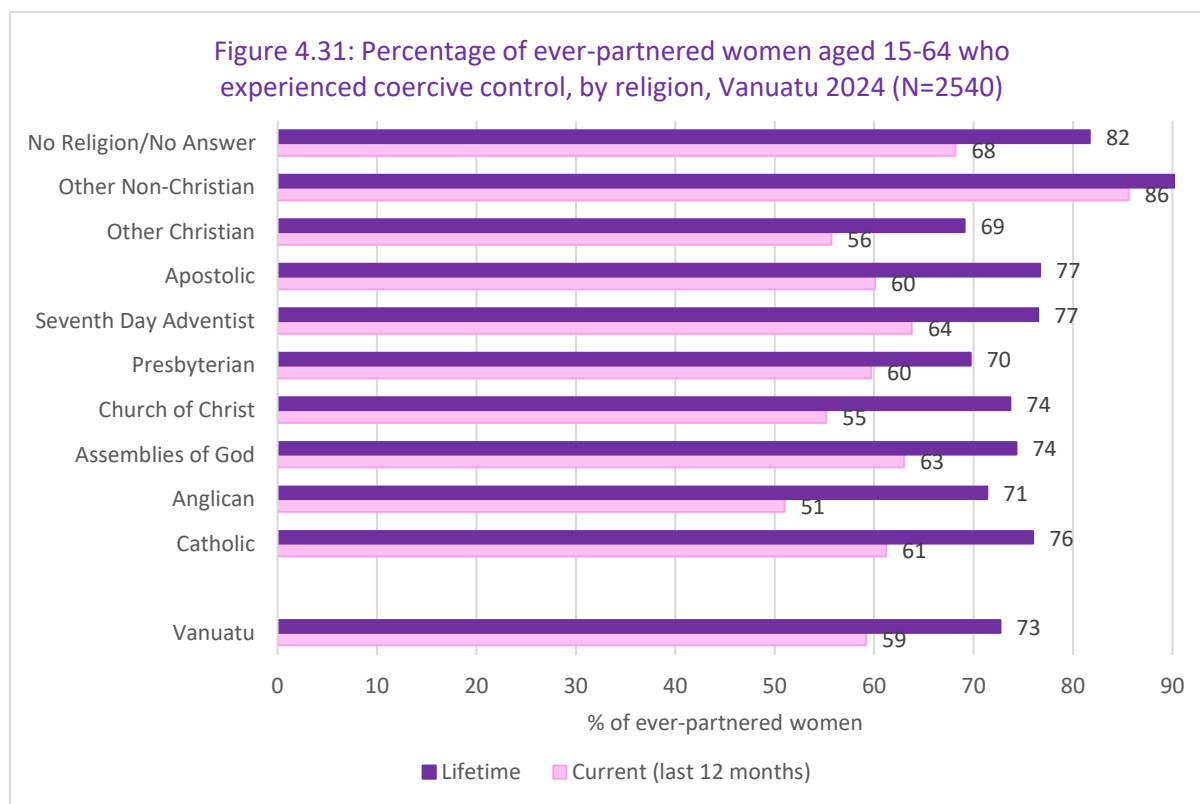
*"We hear these words in the community:  
**Woman hemi mas stap anda man blong hem."**  
 "For women with higher education, it is about gender power relations, it is about the husband trying to bring her down." (VWC Interpretation Workshop, 18- 19/3/2025)*

Although there is some variation in the prevalence of controlling behaviour by religion, the main message here is that no religion or denomination protects women. More than half of all ever-partnered women in Vanuatu are currently living with this behaviour, regardless of their denomination. Great caution should be used when citing data on those with no religion, or who indicated non-Christian beliefs, given the comparatively small numbers of respondents in these groups compared with all other denominations (Figure 4.31 and Tables 4.11a and 4.11b).

***“The data on coercive control makes sense to us, we see this happening.”***

*“We had a workshop with group of women church leaders last week. Most of the participants were the wives of priests, and the Bishop had told them all to attend. During the workshop, they were all very emotional. They came up to the front and told their stories of abuse, and there were a lot of examples of coercive control. One of the priests came and took his wife away from the workshop, to prevent her from sharing. The data on coercive control make sense to us, we know this is happening at very high rates, including among wives of community leaders. Women living with coercive control often don’t seek help, but it is happening to them, and because they are married to priests, they think they shouldn’t tell anyone.”*

(VWC Interpretation Workshop 17/3/2025)



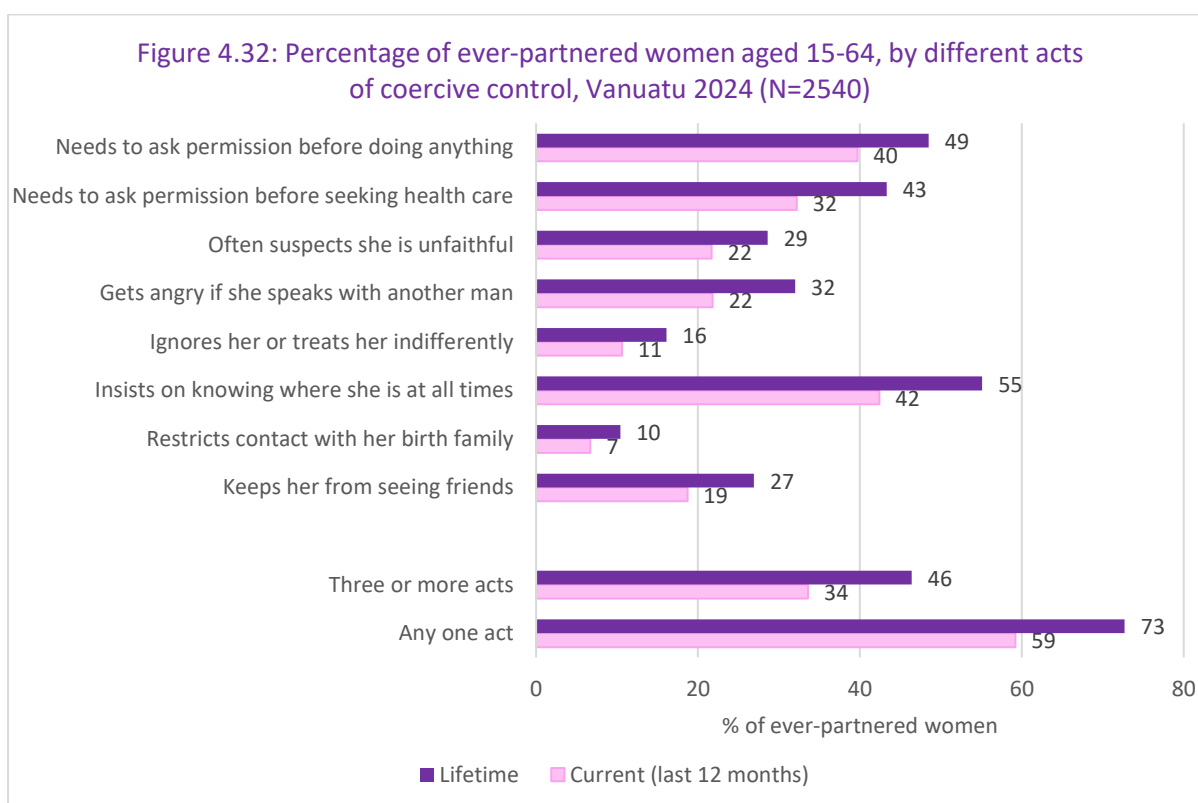
Source: Tables 4.11a and 4.11b, Annex 2.

**What types of controlling behaviours are women experiencing from their husbands and partners, and how many different types of control are women subjected to?**

Eight different acts of controlling behaviour by husbands and partners were included in the definition of coercive control and explored in the survey. As noted above, 59% of women experienced at least one of these acts (6 in 10) in the last 12 months. The data shows clearly that many of these women are living with several different types of acts concurrently: 34% were living with 3 or more of these acts in the previous 12 months (more than 3 in 10). While most of the acts included in the survey questions constitute serious breaches of women’s rights, the three most prevalent all exert extreme control over women’s freedom of movement and right to decision-making (Figure 4.32).

- During the last 12 months, 42% of women were living with partners and husbands who insisted on knowing where they were at all times; 40% needed to ask permission before doing anything; and 32% even needed to ask permission before seeking health care.

- These restrictions on movement make it difficult for women to get help for the issues they are facing. In addition, two of the acts of coercion result in women being socially isolated from people they love and trust, which can both undermine self-esteem and further restrict their access to information to improve their situation: 19% of ever-partnered women are currently restricted from seeing their friends (2 in 10), and 7% are restricted from making contact with their birth family (almost 1 in 10).
- 11% of women said that their husband or partner ignored them or treated them indifferently in the past 12 months. This behaviour could also be seen as a form of emotional violence, and it often also contributes to low self-esteem.
- The remaining two behaviours relate to jealousy and mis-trust: in the last 12 months, 22% of women said that their husband often suspected that she is unfaithful, and the same percentage said that the husband or partner gets angry if she speaks with another man.



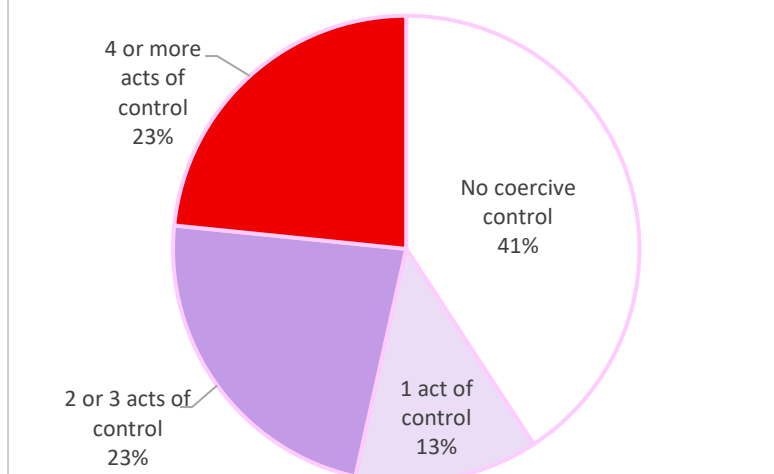
Source: Tables 4.11a and 4.11b, Annex 2.

Exploring the number of different acts of coercion that women are currently experiencing provides an important, albeit confronting insight in these women's lives. In the last 12 months, 13% of all ever-partnered women have experienced one act of coercion; 23% (more than 2 in 10) have experienced 2 or 3 different coercive acts, and 23% have experienced 4 or more (Figure 4.33). Similar breakdowns are seen over the lifetime, although over this longer period, more women (33% or 1 in 3) are likely to be subjected to 4 or more different types of coercive control (Table 4.11a).

The questionnaire did not ask women how frequently each of these acts had occurred in the last 12 months. However, both VWC's and international experience indicates that if a woman is living with this type of violence, it is generally persistent and ongoing, and forms part of the fabric of the day-to-day relationship.



Figure 4.33: Percentage of ever-partnered women who experienced none, one or more acts of coercive control by their husband/partner in the last 12 months, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2540)



Source: Table 4.11b, Annex 2.

*“This data is what we see in our counselling work. When women talk about how they are treated, this type of behaviour is often constant for them.”*

*“Coercive control is widely accepted, because it relates to the husband being seen as the head of the household.”*

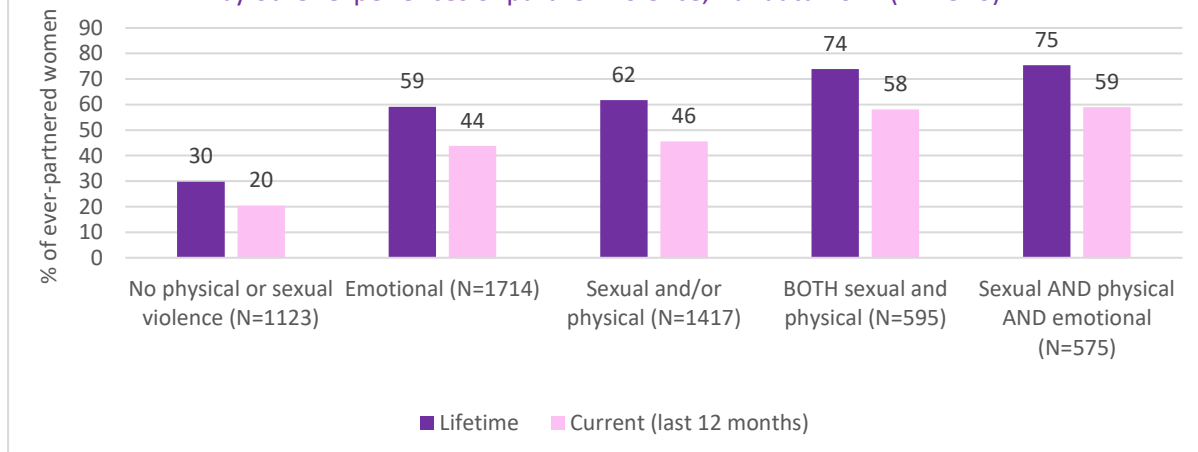
*“One example is a girl who was in an arranged marriage with a man at 15 years old. He had already started to abuse her.”*

*(VVC Interpretation Workshop, 18-19/3/2025)*

### How does coercive control overlap with other forms of intimate partner violence?

Further confronting findings are seen when we explore the extent to which coercive control overlaps with other types of intimate partner violence. One way to do this is to compare how many women who experience a severe level of control experience other types of intimate partner violence. Severe is defined here as experiencing any 3 or more types of controlling behaviour.

Figure 4.34: Percentage of ever-partnered women aged 15-64 who experienced **3 or more types of coercive control** by their husbands/partners, by other experiences of partner violence, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2540)



Source: Tables 4.11a and 4.11b, Annex 2. Note: all the associations shown are statistically significant, with P values of <0.001.

**This comparison clearly shows that the more types of partner violence she experiences, the more likely she is to also be living with a severe levels of coercive control.** These findings are highly statistically significant, with P-values of less than 0.001, which means that the association is very unlikely to be due to chance. The window that this picture provides into women’s lives is very stark indeed (Figure 4.34):

- Among the 1123 ever-partnered respondents who have never experienced physical or sexual partner violence, 2 in 10 have nevertheless been subjected to high levels of coercive control over the past 12 months (20%), and 3 in 10 in their lifetime (30%).
- Among those who have experienced emotional violence, 59% (almost 6 in 10) are also experiencing severe coercive control in their lifetime, and 44% are living with this currently.
- Among those who have been subjected to both physical and sexual violence, 74% have also had high levels of coercion in their lifetime (more than 7 in 10), and 58% in the last 12 months.
- Finally, among those who have experienced all three forms of physical, sexual and emotional violence, 75% have also experienced severe coercive control in their lifetime (almost 8 in 10), and 59% in the last 12 months.

When considering the damaging impacts of the findings shown in Figure 4.34, it is important to keep in mind that all the acts of sexual partner violence and technology facilitated partner abuse examined in the survey are also clearly acts of coercion (although they are not included in the statistical analysis above).

## 4.6 Financial/economic abuse by husbands or partners

### How many women are subjected to financial/economic abuse by husbands and partners?

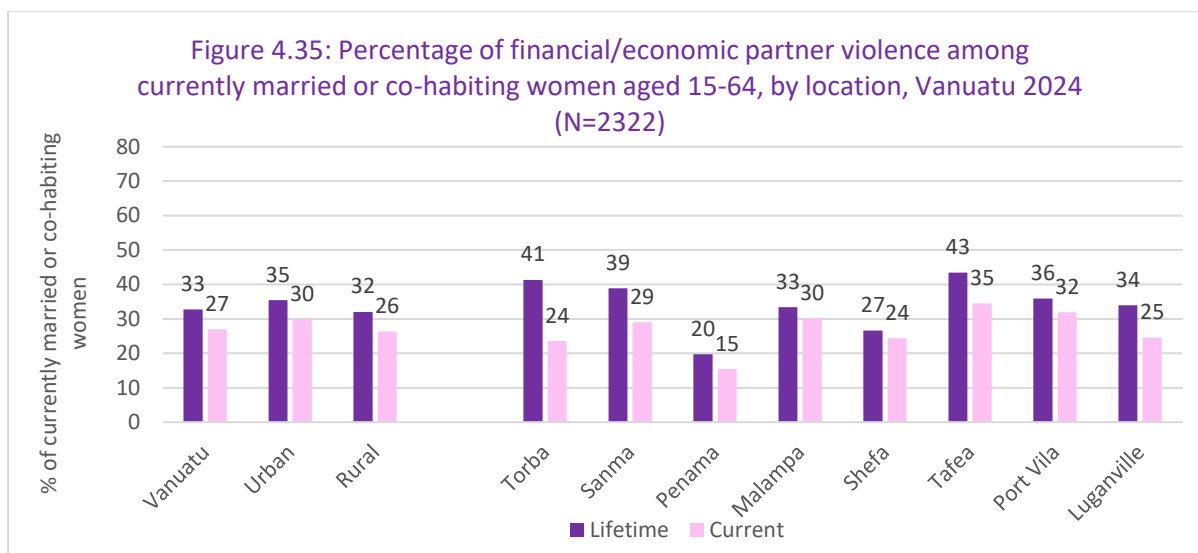
Questions on financial abuse were only asked of currently married women, or those currently living with their partners; consequently the sample size for this indicator is 2322 respondents, rather than the 2540 ever-partnered women. Overall, 33% of this group of women are subjected to some form of financial violence in their lifetime (more than 3 in 10 women), and 27% in the last 12 months.

Contrary to the pattern seen in other forms of intimate partner violence, there is little variation between urban and rural areas, or by age group (Figures 4.35 and 4.36):

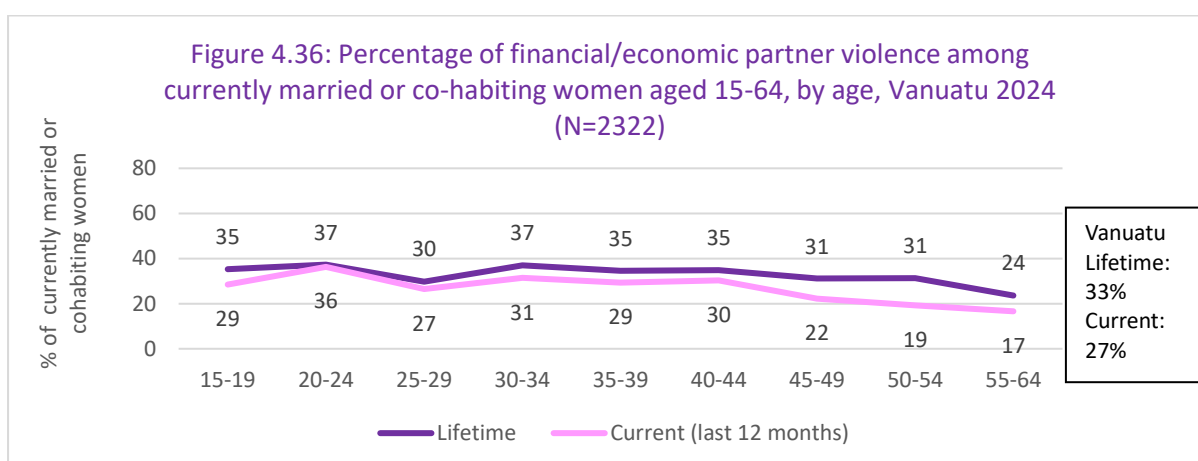
- Lifetime prevalence rates for financial violence are somewhat higher for women living in Tafea, Torba and Sanma provinces, with 43%, 41% and 39% respectively experiencing this abuse during their lifetime. Prevalence in Malampa is close to the national rate at 34%.
- In contrast, the lowest lifetime rates are found in Penama (20%) and Shefa (27%) provinces.
- Port Vila and Luganville have a higher prevalence rate of lifetime financial violence than the national rate, but only slightly so, 36% and 34% in Luganville respectively.
- Current prevalence rates are somewhat higher than the national average in Tafea, Port Vila and Malampa (35%, 32% and 30% respectively).

As with other forms of intimate partner violence, financial abuse also begins early in relationships: 35% of women aged 15-19 and 37% of those aged 20-24 have already experienced some form of financial abuse in their lifetime (Figure 4.36).

- Unlike most other forms of intimate partner violence, the data indicates that financial abuse remains very persistent throughout the life cycle. Current prevalence rates vary slightly by age, with about 2 in 10 women experiencing this form of violence over the age of 45, and around 3 in 10 living with this type of abuse in the younger age groups from 15 through to 44 (Figure 4.36).



Source: Table 4.12a and 4.12aa, Annex 2.

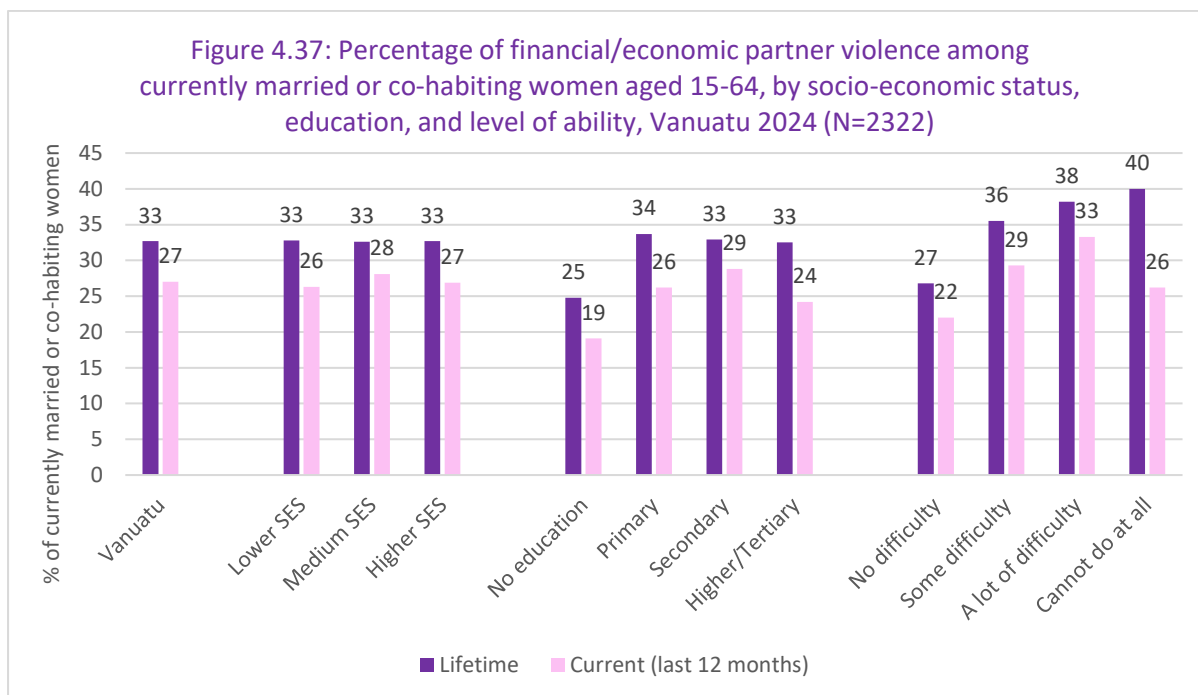


Source: Table 4.12a and 4.12aa, Annex 2.

There is no variation in the prevalence of intimate partner financial violence by socio-economic status: women from all socio-economic backgrounds experience this abuse at the same rate (33% in their lifetime, and between 26% and 28% in the previous 12 months before the survey). However, women with no education at all are considerably less likely to experience this abuse, with 24% having been subjected to this abuse in their lifetime, compared to 34% who have completed primary education, and 33% of those with secondary or tertiary education. A similar pattern is observed for the current prevalence rates of financial abuse, with 19% of those with no education experiencing this in the past 12 months, compared to 26%, 29% and 24% for those with primary, secondary and tertiary education (Figure 4.37).

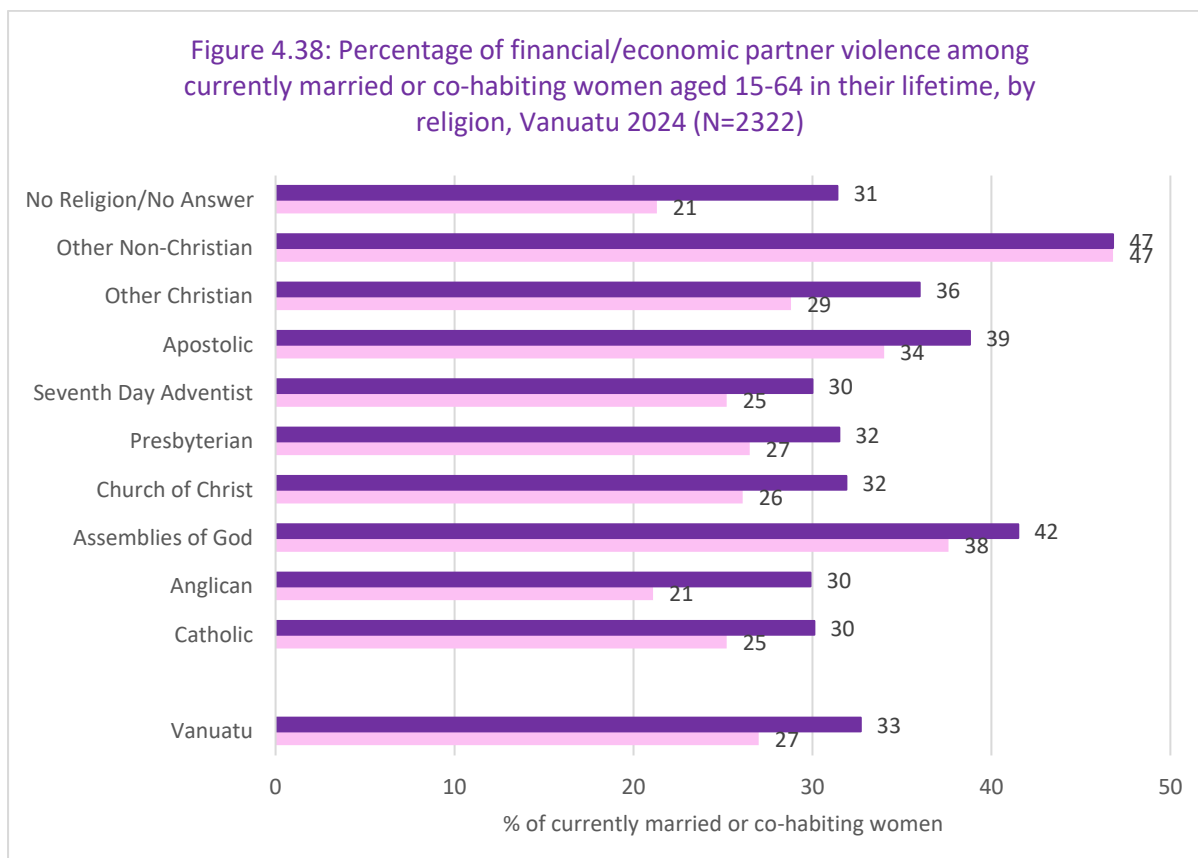
The most marked variation in the experience of financial abuse is by levels of ability: the greater women's disabilities, the more likely she is to be financially abused in her lifetime (Figure 4.37).

- 27% of women who have no functional difficulties have experienced financial abuse in their lifetime, compared with 36% who are living with some difficulties, 38% who have a lot of functional disabilities, and 40% who are living with the most severe disabilities which limit their daily functioning. A similar pattern is seen for current prevalence rates, even though the prevalence in the last 12 months drops to 26% for those with the most severe functional difficulties, compared to 33% who are living with a lot of difficulties.



Source: Tables 4.12a and 4.12aa, Annex 2.

Although there is some variation in the prevalence of financial abuse by religion, it is clear that no religion is immune from this type of intimate partner violence, with most denominations on or near to the national prevalence rate of 33% in the lifetime and 27% in the last 12 months (Figure 4.38).

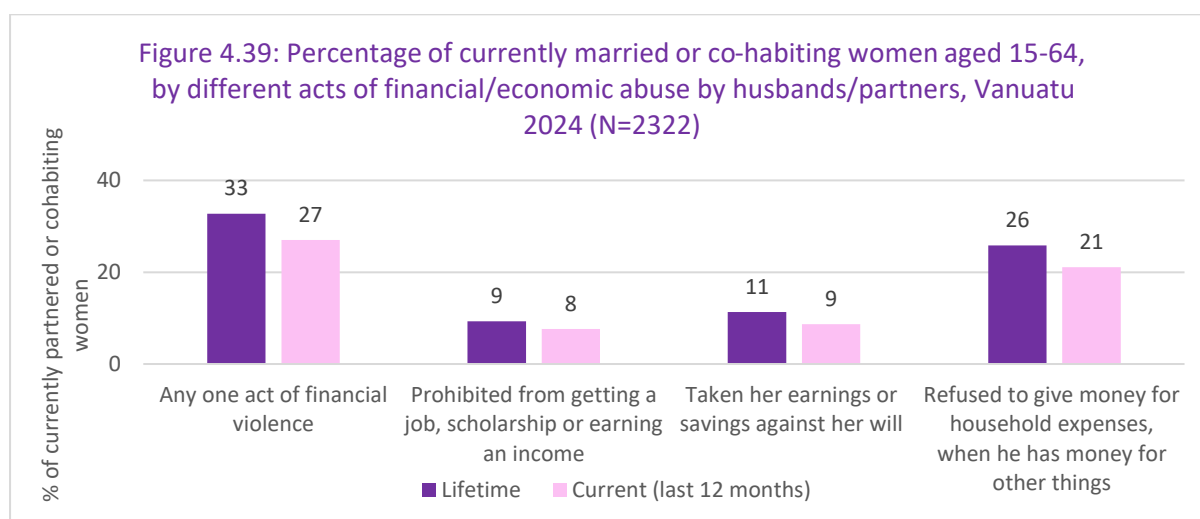


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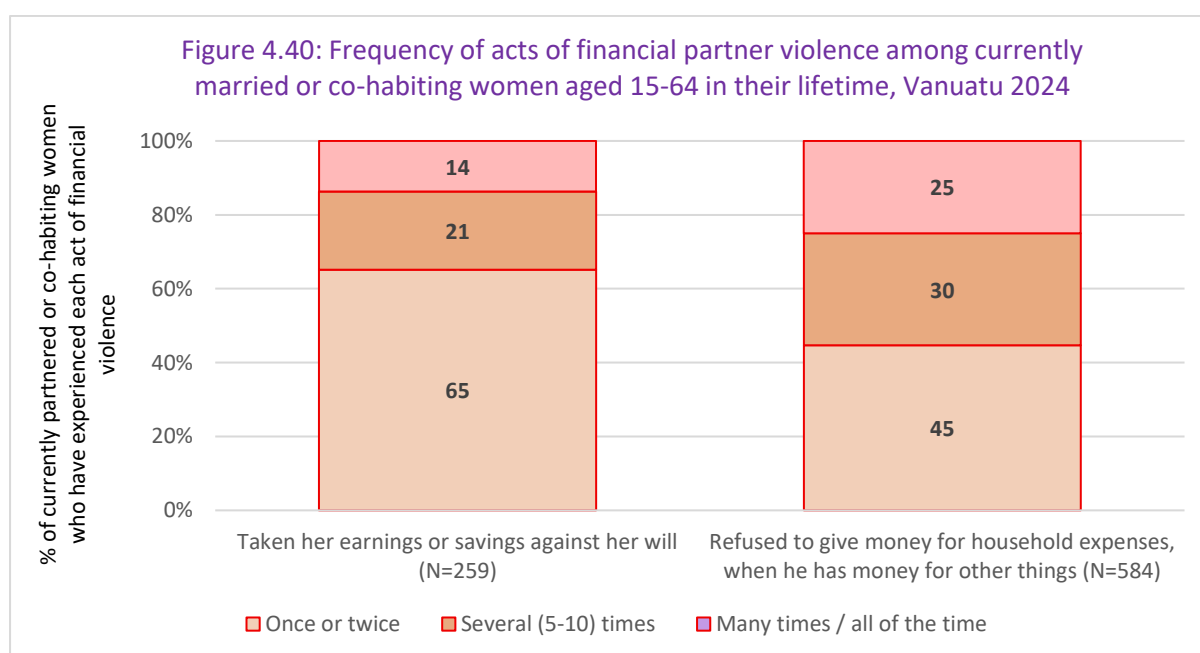
### What types of financial abuse are women experiencing from their husbands and partners, and how frequently is this happening?

Women were asked whether they had experienced three different types of financial abuse (Figure 4.39 and 4.40).

- Among women who are currently living with their husband or partner, 26% had faced a situation in their life where he refused to give them money for household expenses, even though he had money for other things; 21% of women (over 2 in 10) were faced with this situation in the last 12 months before the survey. Among those who experienced this in their lifetime, more than half (55%) said that this had happened either several times (defined as between 5 and 10 times) or many times/all of the time (25%).
- About 1 in 10 women (11%) said that their husband or partner had taken her savings or her earnings against her will, during her life and during the past 12 months. The majority (65%) said this had only happened once or twice, and the remainder said it happened several times (21%) or most/all of the time (14%).



Source: Table 4.12b, Annex 2.



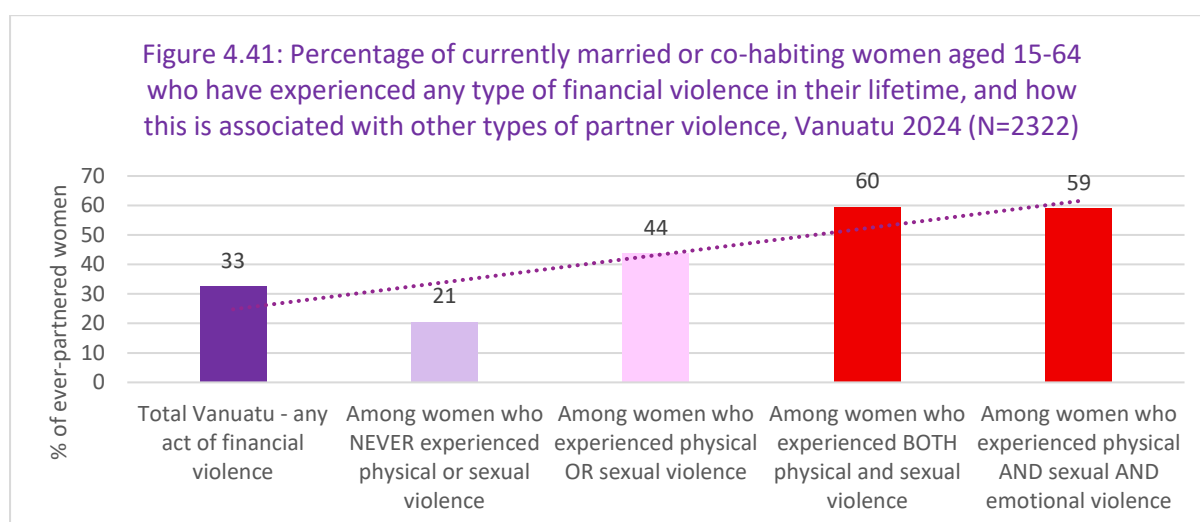
Source: Table 4.12b, Annex 2.

The least prevalent form of financial abuse is where the husband or partner prevents her from getting a job or a scholarship, or from any way of earning money. This occurred for almost 1 in 10 women during their lifetime and during the last 12 months (Figure 4.39).<sup>8</sup>

### How does financial violence overlap with other forms of violence?

The more other types of violence a woman has experienced, the more likely she is to also be living with financial violence of any form, and all these associations are highly statistically significant with P values of less than 0.001 (Figure 4.41):

- More than 2 in 10 (21%) of women who are currently married or living with a man and who have not experienced either physical or sexual violence, have nevertheless been subjected to some form of financial violence as defined in the survey.
- This jumps sharply to 44% for women who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence, and 40% for those who have experienced emotional abuse (see Table 4.12a in Annex 2).
- This jumps sharply again for those who have experienced either 2 or 3 other types of violence: 6 in 10 (60%) of those who are living with physical and sexual violence are subjected to financial violence as well, and 59% of those living with all three types – physical and sexual and emotional.



Source: Table 4.12a, Annex 2. All the associations shown are highly significant, with P values of <0.001.

## Women's financial autonomy and intimate partner violence

### How are other aspects of women's financial autonomy affected by different types of violence, and are we capturing the full amount of financial violence against women in the survey questions?

As seen in chapter 3, about 80% of women are currently earning an income, and almost half of these earn either the same or more than their husband (Figure 3.7 and Table 3.8a of Annex 2). Despite this, the data indicates that most women have very little financial autonomy or independence from their husbands, partners or other family members, with a minority owning any substantial or economically valuable assets on their own (as opposed to owning assets jointly with others, or at all), including savings in the bank.

<sup>8</sup> The survey did not ask women how frequently they had been prohibited from getting a job, scholarship or prevented from earning an income in any way.



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***“The data on financial violence does not capture all financial abuse that we see in our work.***

*A woman at a VWC community education workshop in Penama shared her story of financial violence with the group. She works in her gardens at home to produce kava, and her husband sells it in Vila. She is his legal wife, and they have 4 children. He decided to live in Vila, while she produced the kava at home and sent it to him for selling. After some time, he told her that he wants another wife in Vila, because he wants someone with more education than her, but he also expected to continue to live on her earnings. She came to Vila to talk to him about it, and she accepted this situation where she was supporting both her husband, and the new wife – until the VWC community education workshop, when she got more insight into her rights.”*

*“We recently had a client who needed safehouse protection in Tafea. None of her children have gone beyond year 6, because he gives no money for school fees.” (Case studies from VWC’s monitoring and evaluation database, shared at VWC Interpretation Workshop, 18/3/2025)*

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One of the limitations of the study is that there are a range of potential acts of financial violence that are complex to investigate, and are not included in the definition of financial/economic abuse commonly used internationally. It is also clear that some types of financial abuse overlap with other forms of violence: for example, prohibiting a woman from getting a job or taking a scholarship is clearly also an act of coercive control, as well as an act of financial violence. Case studies from VWC’s counselling and community education activities show the complexity of this type of overlap, and how these overlaps are not captured in these data on the prevalence of financial violence.

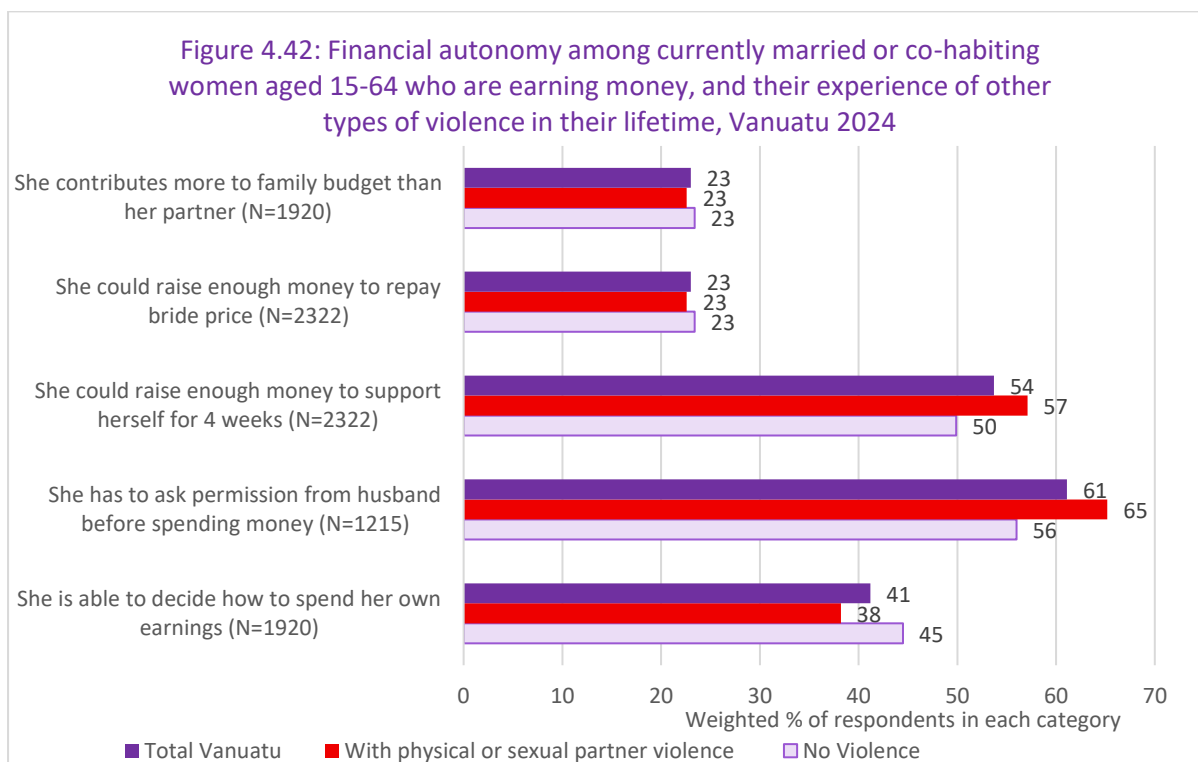
The survey asked about other aspects of financial autonomy which overlap with coercive control, and which VWC also considers to be acts of financial abuse and coercion, even though they are not included in the standard measures of prevalence (Figure 4.42 and Table 4.12c of Annex 2).

First, women were asked whether they themselves were able to spend their own earnings how they wanted to, or whether they had to give some or all of their earnings to their husband or partner (Figure 4.42).

- Overall, only 41% of women (about 4 in 10) who are currently earning money and who are married or living with their partner are enjoying the right to make their own decisions about how to spend their own earnings. The remainder have to pass on some or all of it to their husband. It is worth noting that many women (regardless of where they live in the world) willingly share their earnings with husbands, partners or other family members, but that is not the question here: the aim of this question is to measure whether women have a choice about whether to share their own earnings, with the majority (around 60%) unable to make this choice themselves.
- Women who have not experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence are more likely to be able to keep their own earnings, with 45% able to do so, compared with 38% of those who do experience violence. While this difference is not statistically significant (with a P value of 0.081), this data provides an insight into the powerful gender and social norms which undermine women’s financial autonomy.

Respondents were then asked whether they have to ask permission from their husbands or partners before they spend money; only those women who had already said that they had to give some or all of their earnings to their husband were asked this follow-up question. Among this sub-group of currently married or co-habiting women who are earning their own cash, and who are prohibited by their husbands from deciding how to spend their own money, the majority (61%) need to ask permission before spending any money (Figure 4.42).

- This rate is lower (56%) for those who do not experience physical or sexual partner violence, and higher for those who are subjected to other forms of intimate partner violence (65%). This finding is statistically significant with a P value of 0.044, which indicates that the association is unlikely to be due to chance. This data also confirms that men's control over women's earnings – whether or not they are experiencing other forms of partner violence – is a very strong gender norm.



Source: Table 4.12c, Annex 2. P values are statistically significant for the following, indicating that the association is unlikely to be due to chance: raising enough money to support herself for 4 weeks (<0.001); and needing to ask permission before spending her own income (0.044).

Note: Bar charts for 23% are slightly different sizes due to rounding (23% for total Vanuatu; 22.6% for those with physical or sexual partner violence; and 23.5% for those with no violence).

Not surprisingly, very few women (23%) believe that they would ever be able to pay back bride price if they were asked to, regardless of whether or not they have experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence. This circumstance would only arise if the woman made a choice to leave her husband (Figure 4.42).

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*“People say: lock your money in a box. But the danger is from our husbands, he knows where all your money is.”*  
 (VWC Interpretation Workshop, 24/3/2025)

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Interestingly, women who have experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence were more likely to believe that they could raise enough money on their own if they had to house and feed themselves and their family for 4 weeks – by selling things, or borrowing money: 57% of women believed this, compared with 50% who have not experienced physical or sexual partner violence, and 54% for all women asked this question (Figure 4.42). This is not surprising when considered in the context of other findings on financial violence, given that 36% of women living with intimate partner violence have been denied money for household expenses by their husband, even when he has money for other things (see Table 4.12c).

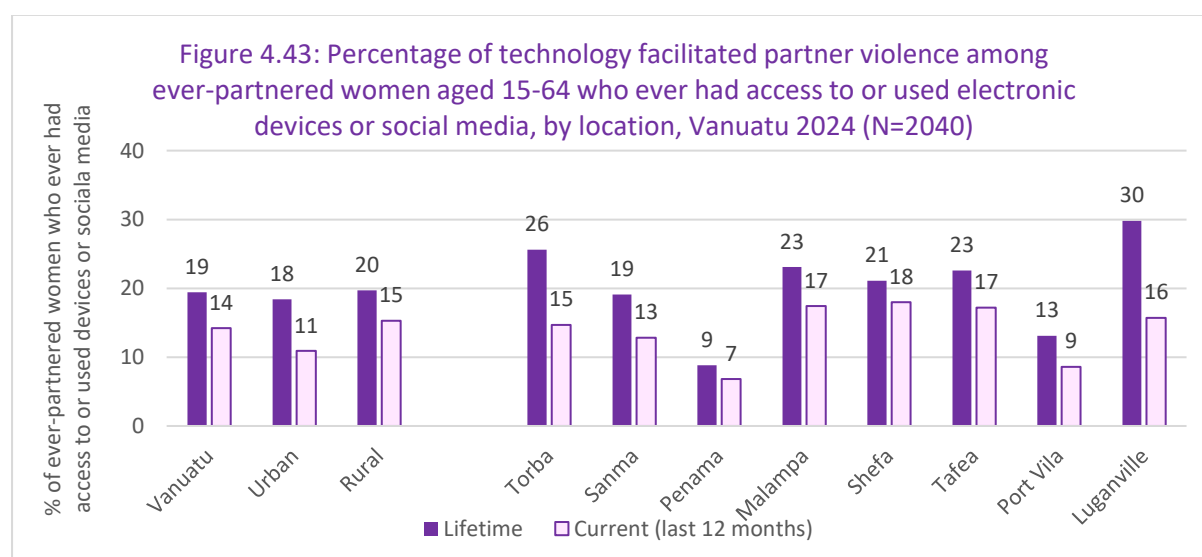
## 4.7 Technology facilitated abuse by husbands and partners

### How many women are subjected to technology facilitated abuse by husbands and partners? And how does this differ by location, age and other characteristics?

Of the 2540 ever-partnered respondents, 2040 (80%) said that they had ever had access to or used electronic devices or social media. The data presented in this section uses 2040 as the denominator for prevalence rates. (The tables in Annex 2 also present prevalence among all ever-partnered women, regardless of their access to or use of electronic devices and/or social media).

Overall, 19% of ever-partnered women who have had access to or used social media or electronic devices have experienced some form of technology facilitated abuse from their husband or partner in their lifetime, and 14% in the last 12 months prior to the survey. The prevalence of this form of intimate partner abuse is higher in rural areas than urban areas, but only slightly so. When detailed breakdowns are examined by location, the picture is more complex (Figure 4.43):

- Lifetime prevalence rates are highly variable by location, ranging from a low of 9% in Penama province to a high of 30% in Luganville.
- Over the past 12 months, women in Penama have the lowest prevalence rates (7%), followed by Port Vila at 9% (both locations are less than 1 in 10). In contrast, all other locations hover around the national rate of 14% and range from 13% in Sanma province to 18% in Shefa province.

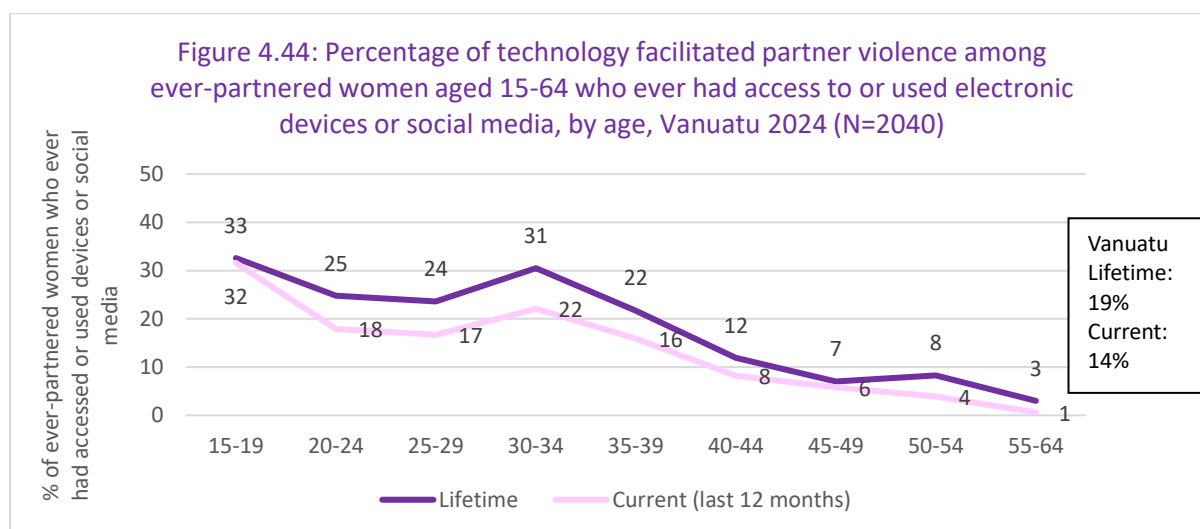


Source: Table 4.15a, Annex 2. Note that Table 4.15a also shows prevalence rates among all ever-partnered women, which also includes those who have never used or had access to electronic devices or social media. The graph above shows prevalence among those who have ever used or accessed devices or social media.

VWC staff were not surprised by the higher rates in rural areas compared with Port Vila, where there has been a significant focus on cyber-crime by the police in recent years. In Port Vila, VWC has been very active in working with both the Police and the Department of Labour in crime prevention in this area, including in most mobile counselling sessions over the last five years as well as community awareness-raising events. These joint sessions include a specific focus on the use of mobile phones and related crimes in the context of overseas seasonal work. Similar joint sessions began in rural Efate and Luganville during 2024. However, this dedicated attention to preventing technology facilitated abuse has been more difficult to achieve in remote rural areas where there are fewer police and Labour Department staff available to join VWC community awareness and mobile counselling sessions.

VWC staff have many case studies of this type of abuse in its qualitative database, both from urban and rural areas. However, most of VWC's clients who seek help with this type of abuse are over the age of 18. In contrast, the data shows that young women aged 15-19 are most at risk from technology facilitated abuse from husbands and partners, both during their lifetime and in the last 12 months, followed by those aged 30-34 (Figure 4.44):

- About 3 in 10 young women (32%) aged 15-19 are currently living with technology facilitated intimate partner violence, compared to the national prevalence rate of 14% in the last 12 months. Women aged 20 to 34 are also experiencing this abuse at higher rates.
- In contrast, exposure to this type of abuse drops significantly for those over the age of 44, from 8% for those aged 40-44 in the last 12 months, down to 1% for women aged over 55.



Source: Table 4.15a, Annex 2. Note: Table 4.15a also shows prevalence rates among all ever-partnered women.

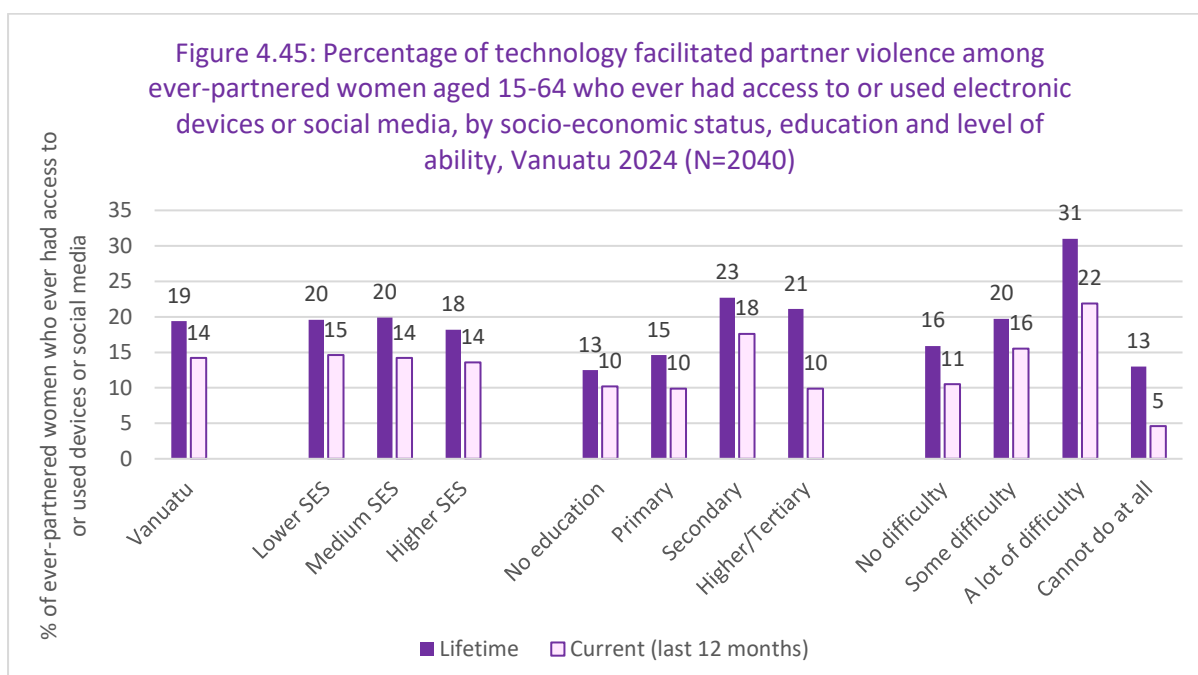
The prevalence of technology facilitated intimate partner violence varies very little by socio-economic status over the last 12 months, but there are some interesting differences to note when we consider other aspects of women's background (Figure 4.45).

- Women with secondary level education are currently most at risk, with a current prevalence rate of 18% compared with 10% for those with no education, primary education and tertiary education.
- However, over the lifetime, it is clear that women with higher or tertiary education are not protected from this form of abuse (21%), and are more likely to face it than those with primary or no education (13% and 15%).
- Women living with a lot of functional difficulty have a current prevalence rate of 22% compared with the national rate of 14% in the last 12 months, and they are at much higher risk over their lifetime, with more than 3 in 10 (31%) reporting this form of abuse.
- As noted with other forms of abuse, it is likely that the lower prevalence of 5% in the last 12

*"Most cases of technology facilitated abuse that we see are sexual in nature, while the husband is overseas doing seasonal work. If she doesn't comply with his sexual demands, then the financial violence comes next, when he refuses to send money home."*

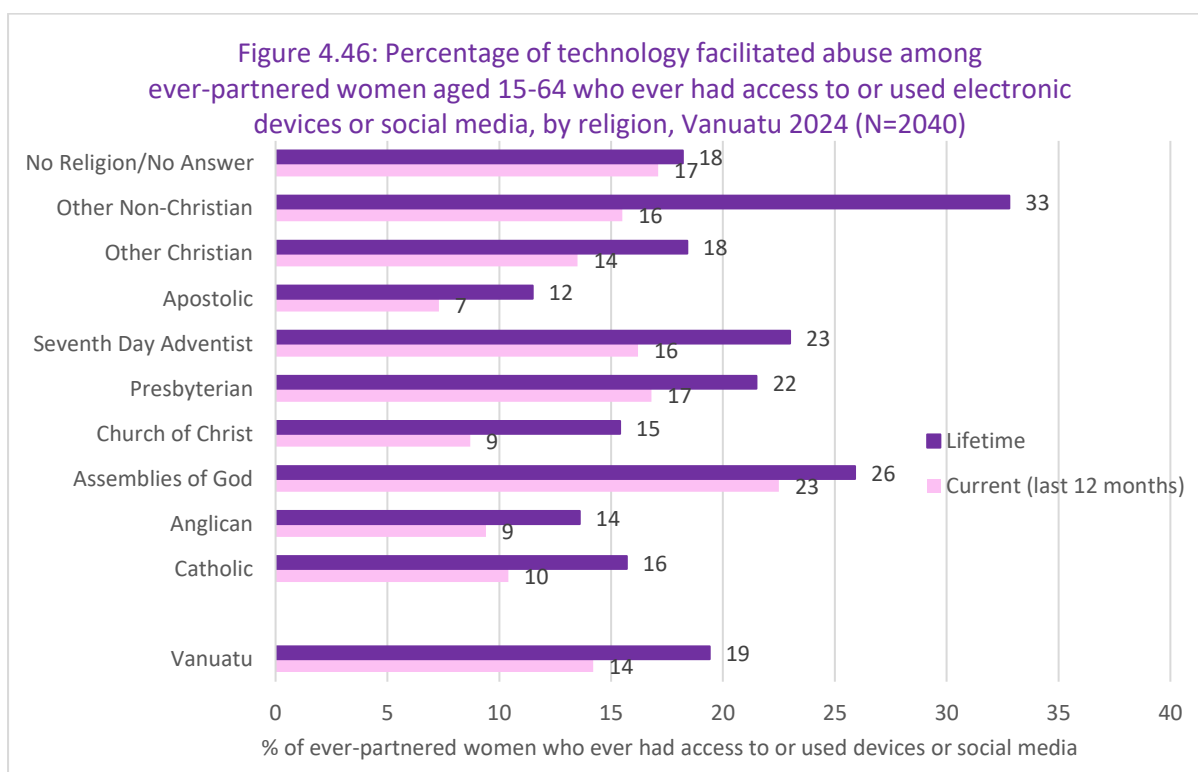
*"In one remote island, many husbands are travelling as seasonal workers. At night, the women come to the local primary school to speak to their husbands on the phone. Women are paying for cards to access the internet through Starlink. Women are being controlled by the men. The men set up a timetable, even if it is 8pm. One woman had a small boy child, and she had to talk until 11pm. She was alone in the classroom. If the women don't come, the men get angry."*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 18/3/2025)

months is under-reported for those living with the highest levels of functional difficulties.



Source: Table 4.15a, Annex 2. Note: Table 4.15a also shows prevalence rates among all ever-partnered women.

While there is some variation in prevalence over the lifetime and in the last 12 months by type of religion, the main conclusion from this data is that no denominations or types of religion are immune from technology facilitated abuse by husbands and partners (Figure 4.46).

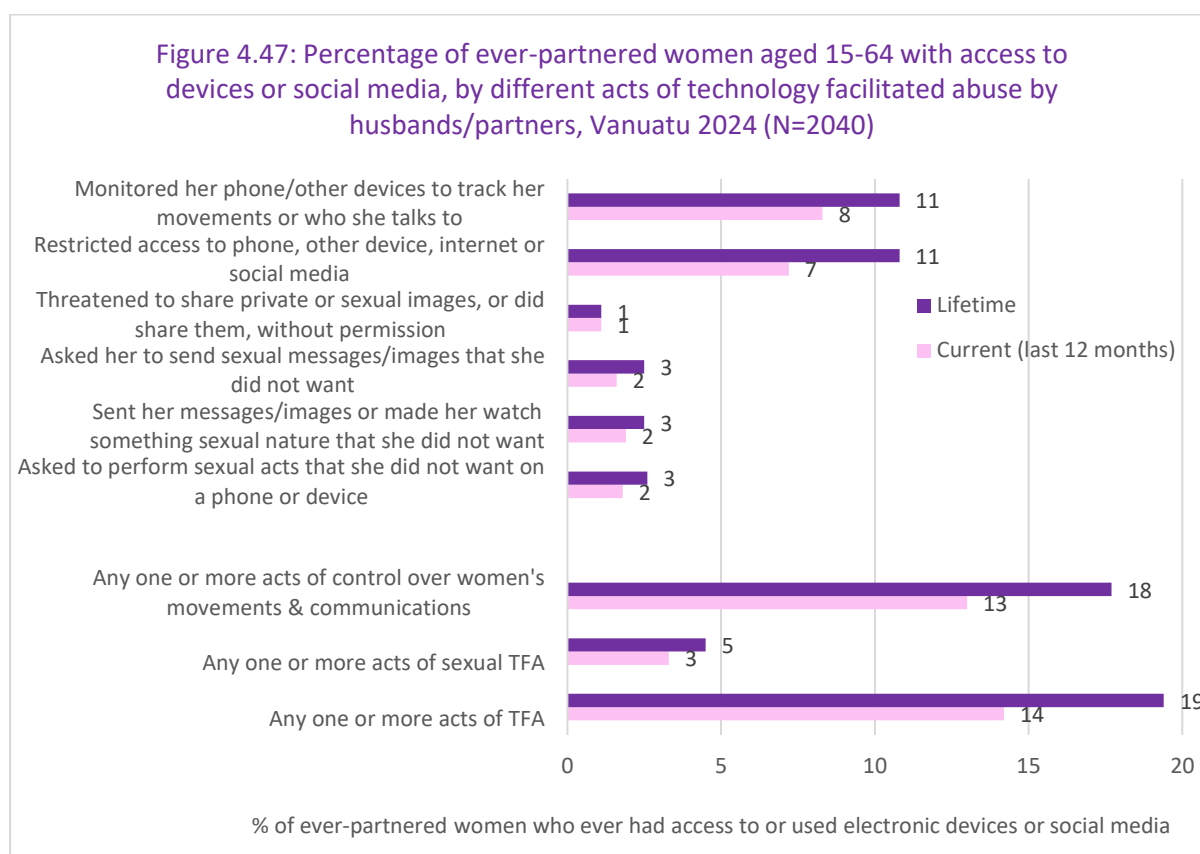


Source: Table 4.15a, Annex 2. Note: Table 4.15a also shows prevalence rates among all ever-partnered women.

### What types of technology facilitated abuse are women experiencing from their husbands and partners, and how frequently is this happening?

Women were asked about 6 different acts of technology facilitated abuse, 2 of which are types of controlling behaviours monitoring women's movements and communication patterns, and the remainder are types of sexual abuse that have emerged in VWC's caseload over the last few years. The most prevalent acts are the two types of control on women's mobility and communications (Figure 4.47):

- Overall, 18% of women have either been monitored or tracked by their partners through their phones in their lifetime, or their husbands/partners have restricted their access to phones and other devices; and 13% have been monitored in this way in the last 12 months.
- Five percent of women have experienced one or more of the 4 acts of sexual technology facilitated abuse in their lifetime, and 3% in the last 12 months.
- Looking at each of these sexually abusive acts in turn: 3% of women said that they have been asked to perform a sexual act on a phone or device, been sent messages or images or made to watch something of a sexual nature, or been asked to send sexual messages or images by their husbands and partners when they did not want to do so; 2% have experienced these acts in the last 12 months. Husbands or partners have threatened 1% women that they will share private or sexual images without their consent, or actually did share them in the last 12 months.

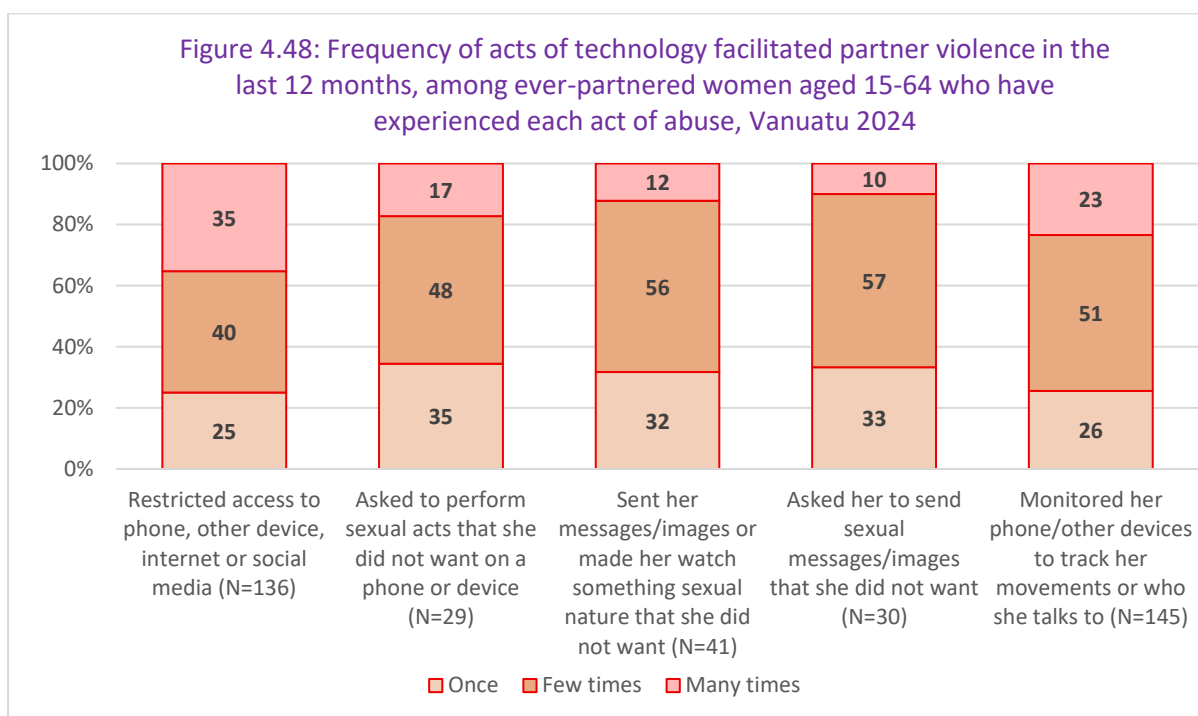


Source: Table 4.15b, Annex 2. Note: Table 4.15b also shows prevalence rates among all ever-partnered women.

Like other forms of partner violence, most women who are living with these acts are subjected to frequent abuse: between 40% and 57% are experiencing them a few times over the last year (depending on the specific act), and between 10% and 35% are subjected to these acts many times. Overall, between 25% and 35% of women had experienced each of these acts only once in the last 12 months (Figure 4.48).



- As well as being more prevalent, the two technology facilitated acts of control over mobility and communications are also the most frequent. Among those women who said that their husband/partner had tracked their movements and who they talked to, 35% (more than 3 in 10) had this occur many times in the past 12 months. Similarly, among those husband/partner had restricted access to her phone or any other device or social media or internet site, 23% had this occur many times (more than 2 in 10 of these women).
- For those who are currently living with technology facilitated sexual abuse, almost 6 in 10 are experiencing these things either a few or many times, and about 3 in 10 were subjected to these acts only once in the last 12 months.



Source: Table 4.15b, Annex 2. Note that only 5 of the 6 acts are shown, due to small number of respondents who said that they their husband/partner had threatened with to share private or sexual images, or actually did share them, without her permission.

Aggregating the two types of abuse provides further insight into this issue, where it occurs, and how it is affecting women's lives (Figure 4.49).

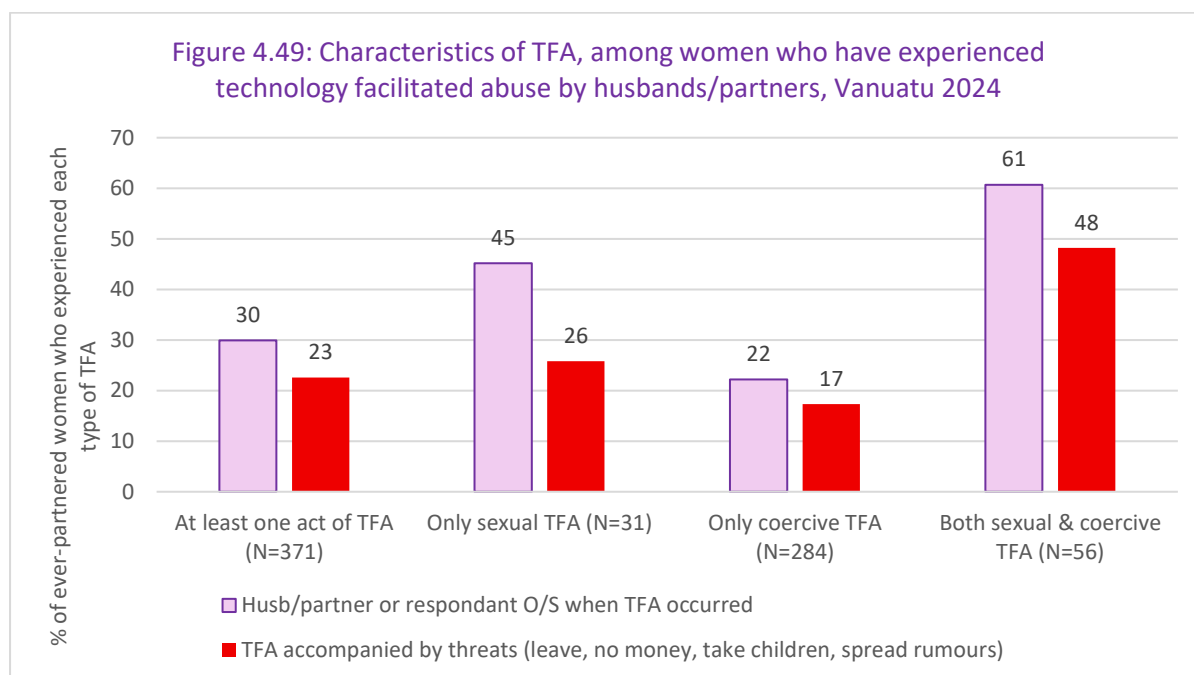
- 30% of the 371 women who reported one or more of the six types of abuse said that it occurred when either they or their husband/partner were overseas. In the vast majority of these cases, it is the husband/partner who is overseas, rather than the respondent (Table 4.15d of Annex 2).
- **Conversely, the data also shows that women are at risk of this abuse regardless of whether they or their husband/partners are working or studying overseas, or are at home in Vanuatu:** for 70% of the 371 respondents, both the husband/partner and the respondent were in Vanuatu when the abuse occurred.
- Of some considerable concern is the fact that 23% of the 371 women who have been subjected to technology facilitated abuse disclosed that the abuse was accompanied by one or more of the following threats from her husband or partner if she did not comply with his demands: her husband/partner threatening to leave her, to take the children, to withhold money, or to spread rumours about her.

Women who were only subjected to one or more of the 4 sexual forms of technology facilitated abuse were more likely to have their husbands working overseas than those who were subjected to

either or both of the two coercive acts – tracking her movements and/or restricting her access to her phone, other devices, social media and the internet (Figure 4.49):

- 45% of women who experienced sexual technology facilitated abuse said the incidents occurred when their husband was overseas, and 6.5% were either studying or working overseas themselves when this occurred. About 1 in 4 of these women (26%) were threatened with the damaging consequences listed above if they did not comply.
- In contrast, for those women who were only subjected to the two coercive acts, 22% had husbands doing work overseas, and 17% were also accompanied by threats.

The most concerning data is from those women who were experiencing both coercive tracking and sexual technology facilitated abuse: 61% of these women either had their husband/partner overseas when the incidents occurred, or they were overseas themselves; and almost half of these women (48%) were also threatened by their husbands if they resisted his demands (Figure 4.49).



Source: Table 4.15d, Annex 2. Notes: TFA – technology facilitated abuse.

Although a distinction between two different sub-types of technology facilitated abuse (sexual and coercive) is made in the analysis (Figures 4.47 and 4.49, and Tables 4.15b – 4.15d), all 6 acts are coercive in nature, and are cross-cutting with all other types of domestic violence, including emotional, financial and physical abuse. This is clear both from the survey data and qualitative case studies that VWC has documented since 2020. For example, the VWC caseload includes severe case studies where clients have been coerced to perform sexual acts including penetration with objects which could cause physical injury, while on-line with partners who are doing seasonal work overseas. In most of these case studies of victim/survivor experiences, this abuse has been accompanied by the threats that VWC investigated in the survey, such as to withhold funds if women do not comply, to share images of a sexual nature, spread rumours, and take action to remove their children from them.

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### ***A selection of VWC case studies on technology facilitated abuse***

Port Vila: “He called me from overseas, and I said, what do you want to see? Everything is just the same.”

“Sometimes, if she doesn’t answer the phone, he will check up on her. He will call friends and relatives to see where she is, and he demands that he shows her a video of where she is.” ... “He calls up, and she has to show him where in the garden she is.”

Sanma: “She had been doing video calls with her husband who was working overseas, and he had requested sexual acts. She had agreed. But during our workshop, she realised that what they had been doing was now on the internet, and she was very unhappy.”

Tafea: “One client came to us recently. Her husband is in Australia doing seasonal work, and they have 2 young children with her in Vanuatu. He asked for naked pictures, but before sending them, she came to TCC to ask about it. She didn’t want to send them. A few weeks later she came back to tell us that he now has another woman, after she refused to send them to him. She didn’t want to take any follow-up action.”

Malampa: “Her husband was working in New Zealand. He video called her frequently after the children were asleep, and asked her to do something sexual. After a year of this, she told him she didn’t want to do it, and he stopped sending money home. That is when she came to us for help.”

Luganville: “The client’s husband had been watching a lot of pornography on the internet. He wanted her to do the same things as what he had seen. She felt bad, and when she refused to do these things, he physically abused her.”

Port Vila: “One of our early documented cases was of a woman whose husband frequently video-called from overseas after her children went to school in the morning. He demanded that she use objects to penetrate her vagina while on video. She tried to avoid it by not having those particular objects in the house. When his demands became even worse, she came to VWC for counselling.”

Torba: “During the research fieldwork, one of our interviewers was in the middle of an interview with a respondent. She did not disclose any type of technology facilitated abuse. But she was fearful, and while the interview was happening, her husband phoned her from overseas, and asked to see where she was. He wanted to know if she was in her savings group. He threatened her and ordered her to go back home.”

***“We know that women come to VWC for help with technology facilitated sexual abuse when they cannot take it anymore, when his behaviour becomes more severe, and when they suspect or know that what he is demanding of her is wrong.”***

(Case studies from VWC monitoring and evaluation database, shared at VWC Interpretation Workshop 18/3/2025)

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### **Limitations of the survey on the scope of technology facilitated intimate partner abuse: are we capturing the full amount of technology facilitated partner abuse?**

When developing and refining questions for the survey on this topic, VWC was guided by its nationwide experience with counselling, as well as from women sharing experiences in community education sessions. VWC had observed a growing trend of serious and confronting cases where women sought help because their husbands and partners were using social media applications to coerce them both financially and sexually. This emerged initially in relation to overseas seasonal worker programs, and a trend began to be observed in 2020, through monthly qualitative data collection.

The initial selection of questions and their framing for the survey was also informed by other international research and guidance resources (for example, European Institute for Gender Equality 2022, Henry et. al. 2017, Woodlock 2013, WESNET 2019, and Australian Government Office of the eSafety Commissioner 2017 and 2023). The final set of questions was selected based on their

relevance to the current Vanuatu context, given the need to manage the overall length of the questionnaire.

One of the limitations of the survey is that it is highly likely to under-estimate the prevalence of technology facilitated intimate partner violence in a very rapidly evolving context of tools and applications available, both for partner and non-partner violence against women and girls. For example, even since the questionnaire was adapted and finalised, Artificial-Intelligence (AI) generative tools have become available that can vastly increase the harms of on-line abuse, as well as increasingly sophisticated and hidden tracking devices (eSafety Commissioner 2023:14-15).

It is noteworthy that each of the questions on sexual technology facilitated abuse included the words “that you did not want”. It is the view of some VWC staff that this may have contributed to an under-reporting of the sexual abuse using social media, which they believe has already become normalised among some sections of the population. Others believe that the prevalence is under-reported because the subject of sex is still taboo in most parts of Vanuatu society. Case studies also indicate that many women are unaware of how the technology works, until it is explained to them, and after the abuse has already taken place.

For all the reasons mentioned above, the prevalence data cited in this report, disturbing as it is, should be seen as absolute minimum estimates.

## 4.8 Intimate partner violence during disasters and emergencies

### Background to questions on intimate partner violence during disasters and emergencies

VWC’s aim in this new section of the survey tool was to examine **how disasters and emergencies impact on women’s experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence**.

- One primary objective was to explore whether or not there is any evidence that partner violence begins during emergencies, whether it gets less, stays the same or gets worse.
- Equally important was the objective to assess the proportion of women who experience intimate partner violence through all disasters, as opposed to some, or only one.
- A third objective was to explore whether women went to any agencies for help for the violence that they experienced during emergencies, and if not, why not.

The third aim was informed by VWC’s grass-roots community education and counselling work which indicated that many women may be less likely to report intimate partner violence or seek help during disasters, regardless of the type of disaster experienced. For example, VWC’s internal data shows a 39% decrease in clients immediately following Tropical Cyclone (TC) Pam in April 2015, and a 38% drop in December 2025 following the earthquake in Port Vila<sup>9</sup> (VWC 2015: 18 and VWC 2025b: 22). This quantitative evidence is supported by VWC’s qualitative case studies over several years, as well as by VWC’s work as a first responder in remote affected communities, spending time with women individually and in small groups, providing information on violence against women during disasters and emergencies (VWC 2020b).<sup>10</sup>

### How were disasters and emergencies defined in the survey?

Disasters and emergencies were defined as any natural disaster or emergency, such as cyclones, floods, droughts, volcano eruptions, or any other type of disaster or emergency. The preamble to this

<sup>9</sup> Percentage decreases following TC Pam and the Port Vila earthquake are compared with the average number of clients per month in the preceding months of the same of the same financial year.

<sup>10</sup> This work as a first responder began in earnest in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Harold in April 2020, and has continued since then.

set of questions stressed that the questions concerned actions by their husband/partner that may have occurred during the disaster or emergency, and/or immediately after it occurred, when they were still recovering.

#### **Who was asked the questions on intimate partner violence during disasters or emergencies?**

Ever-partnered respondents were only asked the questions in this section if they met two conditions:

- They had already indicated that they experienced any type of physical or sexual abuse from their husbands/partners in preceding sections of the questionnaire, AND
- They had lived through at least one disaster or emergency with their current or most recent husband or partner.

Of the 2540 ever-partnered women, 1417 had already disclosed either physical or sexual violence, and one of these respondents ended the interview at question 706, before the disasters section (Table 4.14a in Annex 2 and Box 4.4).

- Of the 1416 ever-partnered women who had already disclosed their lifetime experience of physical or sexual partner violence earlier in the survey questionnaire, 1222 (82%) had been living with their current or most recent husband or partner during a disaster.
- 190 respondents (18%) had not been with their current or most recent husband or partner during any disasters (Table 4.14a in Annex 2).

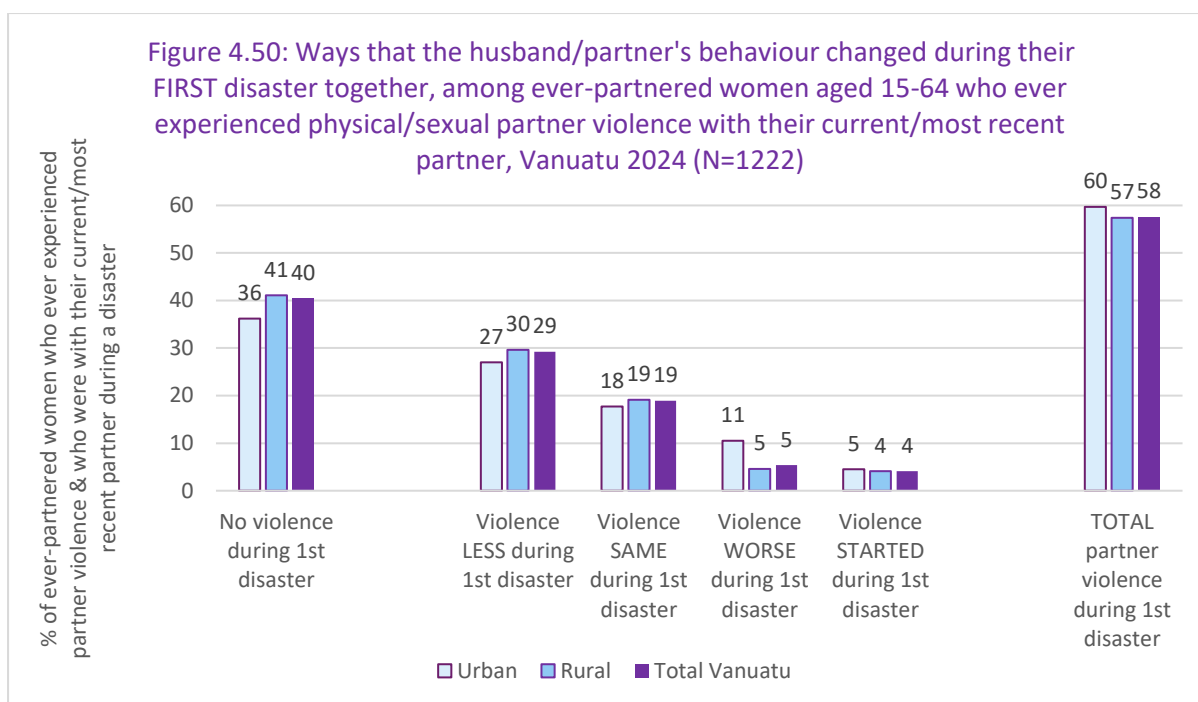
Of the 1222 respondents who met the 2 conditions to be asked these questions, the majority (68%) had lived through their *first* disaster or emergency together with their husband in the last 10 years before the survey, sometime between 2015 and 2024. For the remainder, their first disaster with the current or most recent husband/partner was over 10 years ago: 19% faced their first disaster with their husband sometime between 2000 and 2014; and 13% had lived through their first disaster together with their husband before 2000 (see Table 4.14b in Annex 2 for a more detailed breakdown).

Data was collected both on women's experiences of violence during the first disaster they lived through with their husband/partner, and on their experiences through all disasters with current partner/husband. For the vast majority of women, the first disaster they experienced with their husband/partner was a tropical cyclone (92%); for 4%, the first disaster they experienced was a volcano eruption; 2% lived through a drought as their first disaster; and the remaining 2% mentioned floods or other emergencies, or did not answer.

#### **What percentage of women are subjected to violence or abuse by husbands and partners during their first disaster together? Did the violence begin during their first disaster together, did it reduce, did it stay much the same as before the disaster, or did it get worse?**

Of the 1222 women who answered this question, 58% said that they did experience violence by their husband or partner during their first disaster together, and 2% either answered that they don't know, don't remember, or refused to answer the question. The remaining 40% did not experience any partner violence during their first disaster together; this includes 31% who said that their husbands had already completely stopped the violence before they experienced their first disaster together, and 9% who said that the violence began after they lived through their first disaster together. Looking more closely at the 58% who did experience partner violence during the first disaster together shows a range of experiences (Table 4.14f, Figure 4.50 and Box 4.4).

- For 4% of women, the violence started during their first disaster together, and for another 5% it got worse.
- For 29%, the violence reduced during the first disaster, and for 19% it stayed much the same as the usual violence she had experienced.



Source: Table 4.14f, Annex 2. Note that all percentages are rounded; “No violence during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster” plus “Total partner violence during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster” do not total 100% because 2% overall (including 4.1% of urban and 1.5% of rural respondents) either refused to answer the question, or answered don’t know or don’t remember.

Overall, there are only minor variations in the percentage of women who experienced partner violence during their first disaster, with location and any other characteristics showing very little difference compared with the national rate. The only noteworthy exception is that women from Penama and Malampa provinces were less likely to experience partner violence during the first disaster, with rates of 37% and 32% respectively compared with the national rate of 58% (Table 4.14e of Annex 2 and Figure 4.50).

### What percentage of women are experiencing partner violence during all or most of the disasters and emergencies?

Among those women who had lived through any disasters with their current or most recent husband or partner, the majority (60%) said that they had been together with their husband for between 2 and 5 disasters or emergencies; 14% said they had only been with their partner during one disaster, and the remaining 26% had experienced more than 5 disasters with him (Table 4.14g).

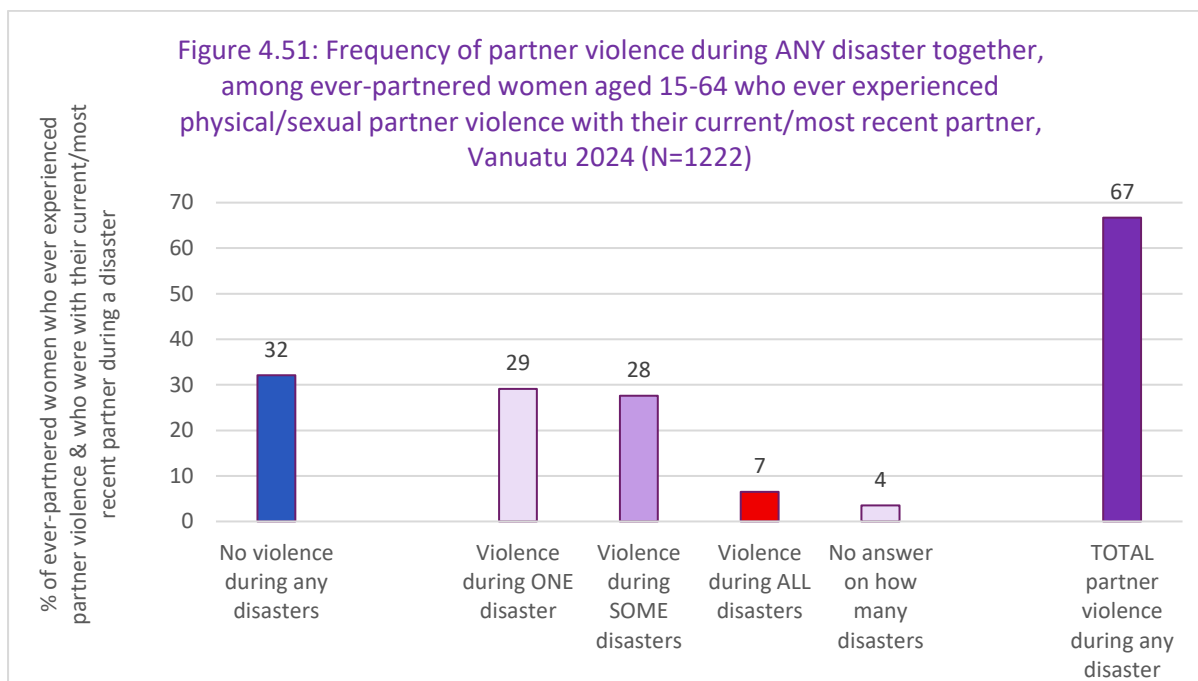
Among the 1222 women who experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes, **67% said that they also experienced some form of partner violence during or immediately after ANY disaster (almost 7 in 10).**<sup>11</sup> Almost 3 in 10 (32%) said that the violence did not happen during any disasters with their most recent or current husband or partner, and 1% answered don’t know/don’t remember or refused to this question. Women were also asked how often they had experienced partner violence during a disaster. Among the 1222 women who were with their current or most recent partner during any disaster (Figure 4.51 and Box 4.5 and Table 4.14h in Annex 2)<sup>12</sup>:

<sup>11</sup> This percentage is different from the one presented in Figure 4.50, which is the percentage who experienced partner violence during their FIRST disaster with their current partner/husband. In contrast, this percentage is those women who experienced partner violence in ANY of the disasters with their current husband/partner.

<sup>12</sup> Note that these percentages are a frequency distribution among the 1222 women who were with their current/most recent husband or partner during any disaster, whereas the frequency distribution in Box 4.5 uses the denominator of 820 who did experience violence during any disaster. Table 4.14h shows both frequency distributions.



- 7% had to cope with physical or sexual partner violence during every disaster,
- 28% said it happened during some disasters,
- 29% said it happened in only one disaster, and 3.5% did not answer the question on how many disasters it had happened.



Source: Table 4.14h, Annex 2.

#### Do women seek help for the partner violence they experience during disasters, and if not, why not?

Overall, among all the women who did experience partner violence during a disaster, only 16% went to an official agency for help to deal with the violence, and the remaining 84% did not. Women from urban areas were more likely to seek help, although the percentage who did so varies greatly between locations (Figure 4.52):

- Women in Luganville were far more likely to seek help for intimate partner violence during a disaster (38%), followed by those living in rural areas of Sanma (22%), Tafea (19%), Malampa (17%), and Port Vila (16%).
- Locations with very low percentages of women seeking help were Shefa province (5%), Torba (7%) and Penama (10%).

Help-seeking also varies somewhat by education levels, with women who have completed tertiary education being most likely to seek help (20%), and those with no education the least likely (5%). Women with lower socio-economic status were least likely (10%), compared with 21% and 22% respectively in the middle and higher status groups. Women with the highest levels of functional disability were also the least likely to seek help (10%) compared with 20% for those who are not living with any disabilities (Table 4.14i).

*“When we went into communities after Tropical Cyclone Harold in 2020, there was a lot of sharing of stories. We visited affected communities to provide support, both moral and physical. Communities appreciated this, and told us ‘You care, you are here with us’.”*

*“After the earthquake in Port Vila in December 2024, and in our counselling at VWC after disaster, we have learned that women want to talk about their earthquake experiences, before talking about any domestic violence. That is what is most on their mind, and what they need to talk about most.”*

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 18/3/2025)*

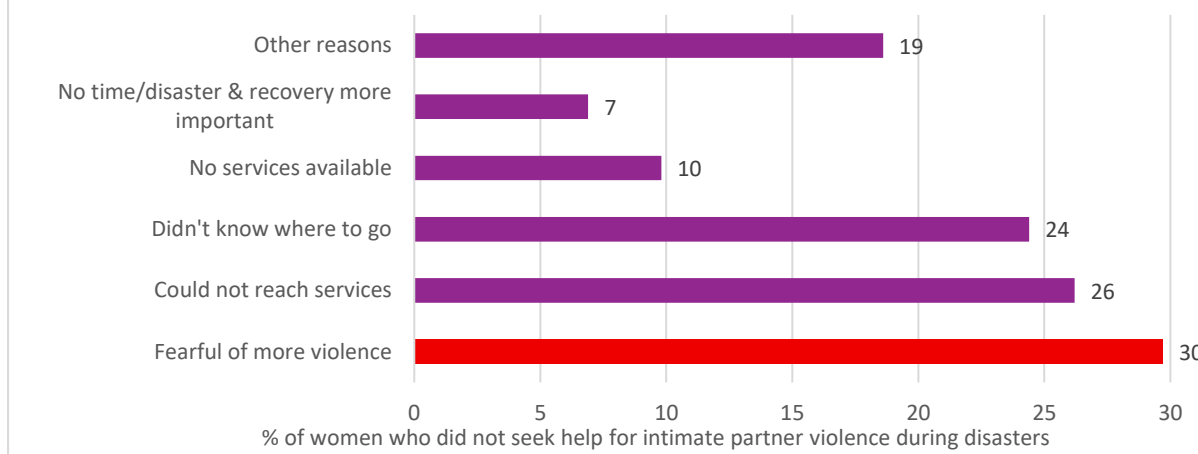


Source: Table 4.14i, Annex 2.

Women’s reasons for not seeking help are varied, and similar to the reasons women give for generally not seeking help when they are facing partner violence at any time (see chapter 9 and Figure 4.53):

- The most common reason given for not seeking help during a disaster or emergency was that they were fearful of more violence (30%, or 3 in 10 gave this reason).
- 26% said that they could not reach services, 24% said that they didn’t know where to go, and 10% said that there were no services available.
- 7% said that they had no time to get help or that the disaster and recovery were more important to deal with than getting help for the violence.
- 19% mentioned other reasons which are not known.

**Figure 4.53: Reasons for not seeking help for intimate partner violence during a disaster or emergency, among women who experienced violence during any disaster, and did not seek help Vanuatu 2024 (N=671)**



Source: Table 4.14j, Annex 2. Note: multiple answers could be given, so percentages total more than 100%.

### **Limitations of the survey on violence against women during disasters and emergencies**

To our knowledge, no other country study which uses the WHO methodology has introduced a section on violence against women during disasters and emergencies. As noted in chapter 2, the questions used in this section of the questionnaire were tested and refined by VWC during several workshops.

Because this section of the questionnaire was only asked of women who had lived through a disaster with their current or most recent husband, it is not possible to provide an overall prevalence rate for the experience of intimate partner violence during disasters and emergencies by all ever-partnered women. Moreover, the survey did not directly explore any short-, medium- or long-term impacts of disasters on women's experiences of intimate partner violence during the rehabilitation or reconstruction phases, so no firm conclusions can be drawn on the extent to which disasters exacerbate the experience of intimate partner violence.

Finally, it is worth noting that the section on women's experiences during disasters has a higher proportion of respondents answering don't know, don't remember or refusing to answer the questions, compared with other sections of the survey tool. For example, when asked the first question about the first disaster they experienced with their husband, 2% did not answer. Some of these women did go on to answer other questions in this section of the questionnaire. Nevertheless, when asked whether they had experienced partner violence in one, some or all of the disasters they had lived through with their husband/partner, 5% did not answer. In VWC's debriefing workshop with team supervisors, this section was noted as far more difficult than other topics, because many women simply did not want to remember or talk about any aspect of the disasters and associated trauma they had lived through (see chapter 2 for details).

### **What conclusions can we draw from the data on intimate partner violence during disasters, given that climate change brings more natural disasters, with increasing frequency, severity and duration?**

Despite the limitations, the survey has yielded some new and important data to assist with understanding intimate partner violence during disaster in Vanuatu, and further research may build on the nuances and variations seen in women's experiences.

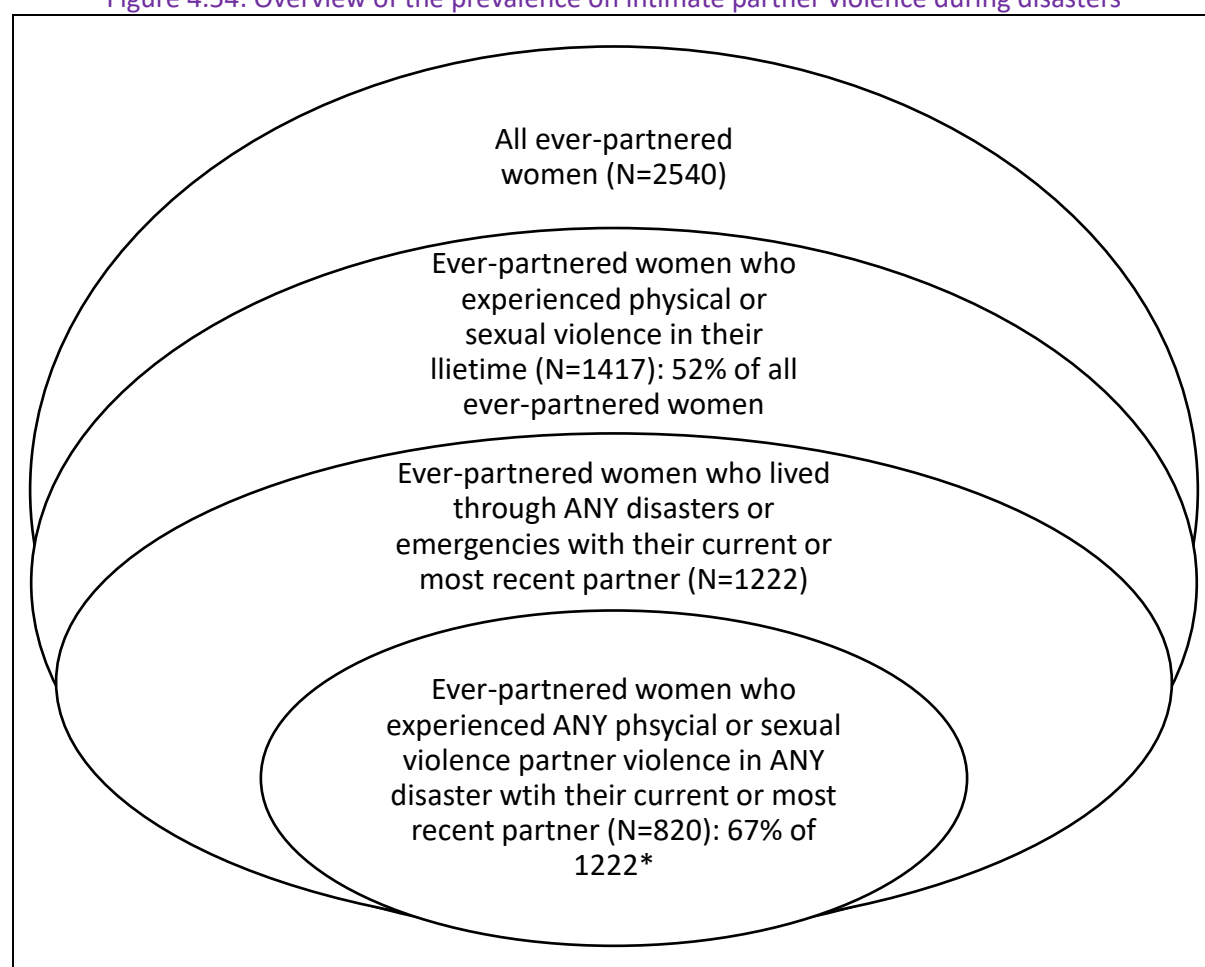
It is positive news that 40% (4 in 10) women did not experience partner violence during the first disaster together, and that partner violence began during the first disaster for only 4% of women. Regarding how disasters may change the experience of violence, the data shows that experiences vary widely among women in Vanuatu who are living with violence, with some (29%, or almost 3 in 10) actually gaining some relief when the violence reduces during the emergency, and only 5% saying that it worsened during the first disaster.

**Box 4.3: Summary of findings on partner violence during disasters**

There are three clear findings from the Vanuatu data:

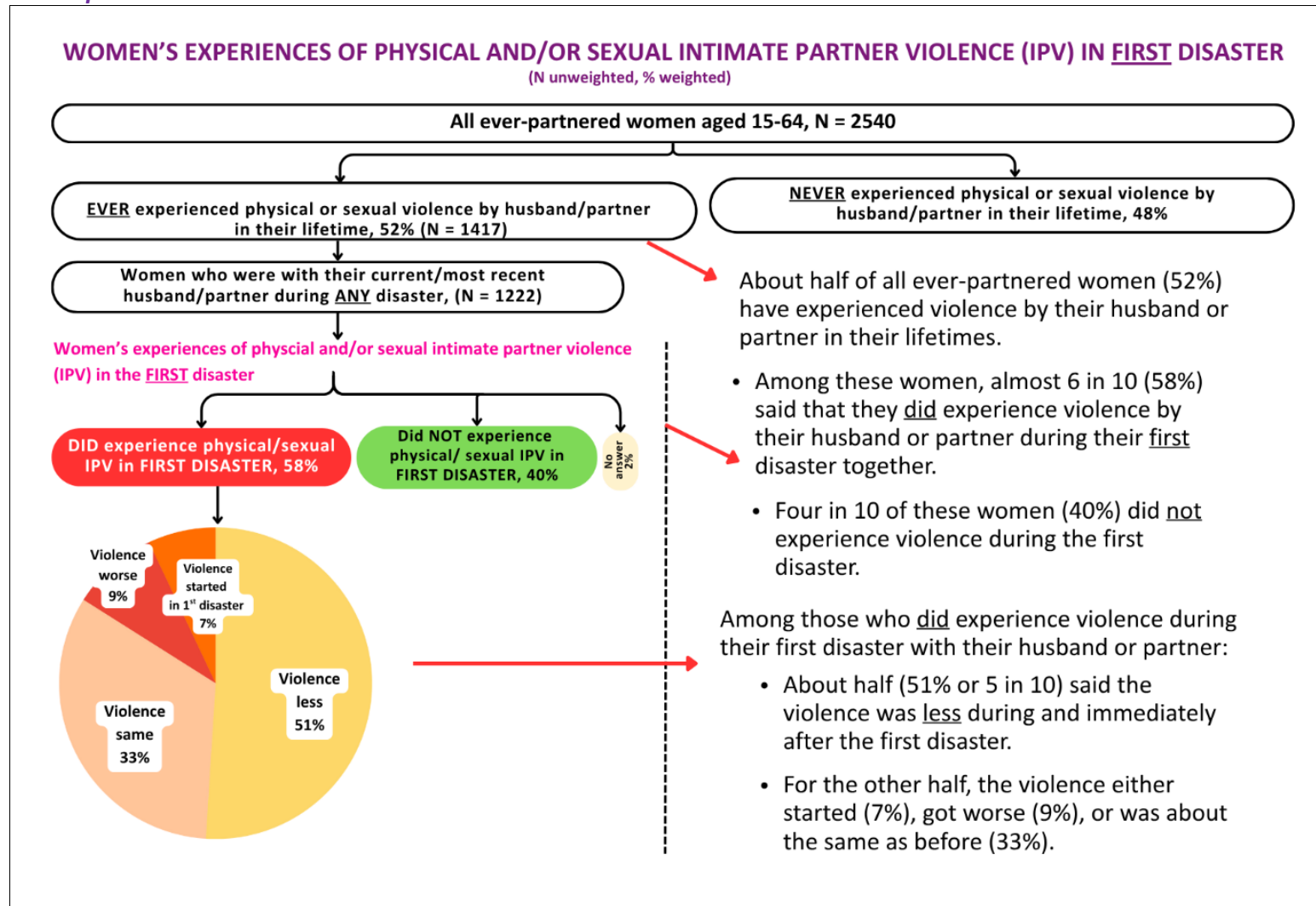
- Data on women's experience during the first disaster together indicate that Intimate partner violence is not caused by disasters and emergencies in Vanuatu.
- Among the 52% of all ever-partnered women in Vanuatu who have ever experienced physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetime, only 3 in 10 (32%) are spared from this damaging behaviour during any disaster or emergency that they live through with the husband or partner.
- **Almost 7 in 10 (67%) of these women have experienced the additional burden of violence by husbands and partners during a disaster, while also needing to face the disaster itself, and while trying to recover in the immediate aftermath** (Figure 4.54 and Box 4.6).
- This amounts to around 3 in 10 (32% unweighted) of ALL ever-partnered women (using a denominator of N=2540) who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence during a disaster.

Figure 4.54: Overview of the prevalence on intimate partner violence during disasters

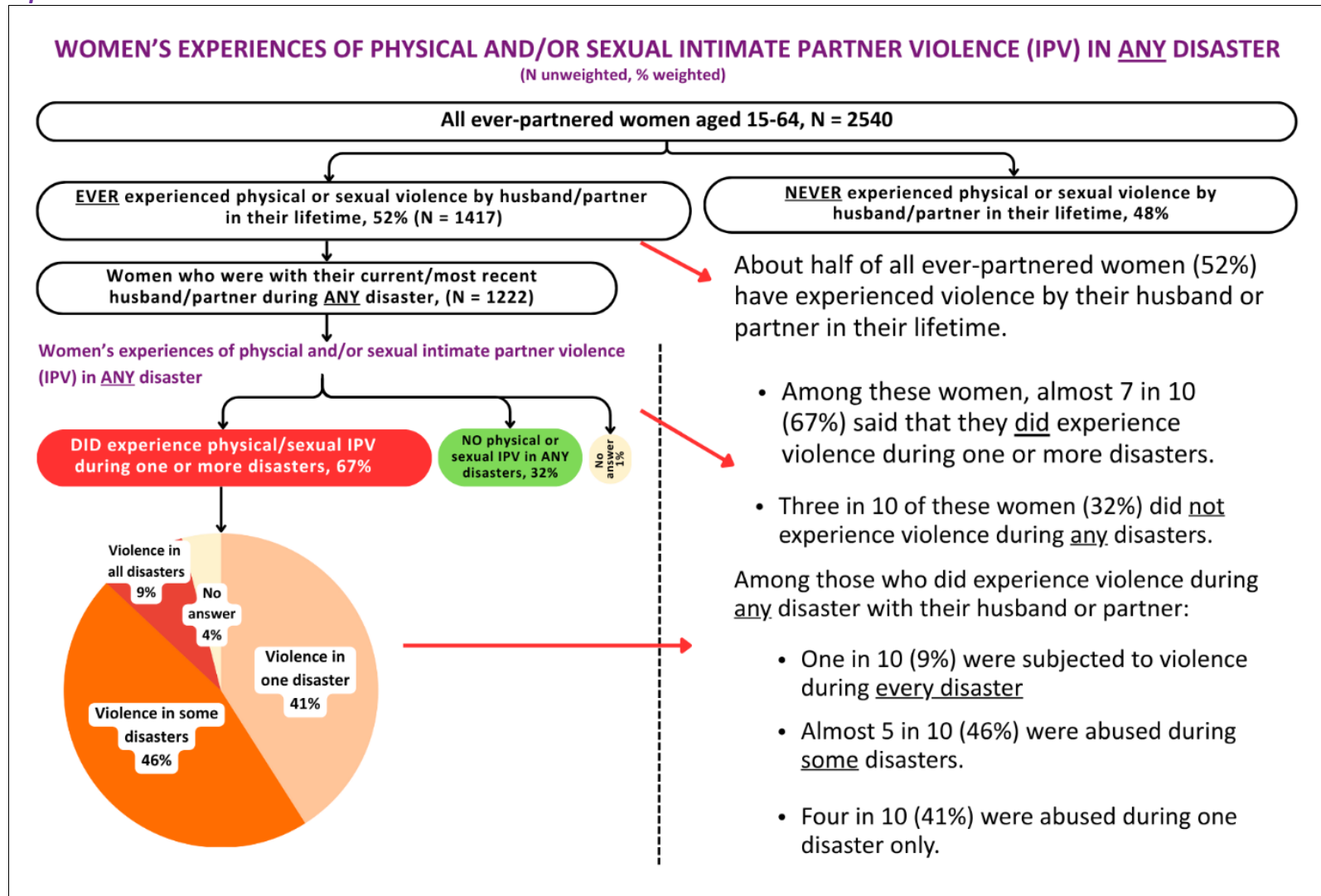


Source: Tables 4.14c and 4.14h of Annex 2. \*This amounts to 32% unweighted of all ever-partnered women.

**Box 4.4: Women's experiences of physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence (IPV) in their FIRST disaster together with their most recent husband or partner**



**Box 4.5: Women's experiences of physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence (IPV) in ANY disaster together with their most recent husband or partner**





**Box 4.6: Case studies from VWC's work as first responders in remote cyclone-affected areas during Tropical Cyclone (TC) Harold and the Tanna Ashfall, April 2020<sup>13</sup>**

Clara had lived through domestic violence for many years. However somehow she was very strong when TC Harold struck. After the cyclone, her house was lost and she was worried, and she loudly asked her husband to rush to make them a shelter to sleep in, but her husband smacked her left leg with a big knife. She couldn't walk for one week and a half. Her son in law helped her to fix a temporary shelter for the family to live in.

Maria is 35 years old and has 5 children. After the awareness talk during the mobile counselling to her village, she told the counsellor that she now realised she had been through financial violence throughout her marriage. Every time she made money for the family, her husband took it all and just used it on kava or cigarettes. There was nothing left for her or her children. When the VWC team arrived, the children had no clothes. Before TC Harold struck, the family worked together to cover their thatched roof and tie down their house with rocks. But the wind took everything, including the kitchen, and they only had one sack of copra each to cover themselves with. Maria was very scared during the cyclone but could not show this to her children, because her husband and the children were all crying with fear. She realised this was another challenge she had to face in her family. During the cyclone her husband apologised to her, and even during the storm, it made her laugh a little bit. After hearing Sanma Counselling Centre's information, she wonders if he was apologising for always taking her money.

In Tafea province, staff observed what they already knew: that women are the managers of household affairs, and this was highlighted even more during the impact of the ash fall disaster. Not only were they working to provide and care for their families, they were also supporting each other to get through the difficult time. People in communities depend entirely on food they plant from their gardens and the cash crops that they have – most have no paid jobs, so they depend entirely on what they have grown to eat and make money from. During and after the ashfall women suffered: they worried about food as everything was destroyed, so their means of earning funds were destroyed; the shortages in everything resulted in high tensions within families and communities, and arguments were common.

All the communities visited following TC Harold were very busy rebuilding, and women were spending most of their time cleaning up and doing other essential activities. Staff were often helping alongside the women – this was the best way to spend time with women, hear their stories and experiences and provide trauma counselling.

In all affected communities across all affected provinces, staff observed that women were the ones trying hardest to rebuild after the destruction, although many men and children were also rebuilding and helping to replant. For example, in Penama province, staff noted that women had so much to do that it was challenging to do mobile counselling. Some communities had to attend funeral ceremonies and women were required in the nakamal to prepare food. Women from North Pentecost communities told VWC and PECC staff that they needed more awareness-raising on everything about violence against women and girls. They mentioned the need for good water supply system, health facilities and for a Police post so that women can get the help they need when they are confronted with violence.

<sup>13</sup> VWC 2020b: 11-14.

## What international evidence exists about the links between intimate partner violence and disasters, and how do the Vanuatu findings add to this emerging evidence base?

### Causality, triggers and risk factors

For those who work at the grass roots to address gender based violence, the findings on causality above are certainly not news or surprising. To make sense of the findings and how to respond effectively to those who do experience partner violence during disasters in Vanuatu, it is important to understand the differences between the concept of causality, as distinct from risk factors or triggers.

There is no doubt whatsoever that natural disasters have a different and disproportionate impact on women and girls globally, compared with impacts on men and boys. Debra Parkinson (2022) summarises the research evidence, as well as the confusion around these concepts succinctly in her review of 50 publications on gender based violence (GBV) in disasters in single countries undertaken between 1993 and 2020, and another 16 multi-country studies undertaken from 1988 to 2018:

*“It is imperative to understand that disaster does not cause GBV. ... Disasters are clearly times of immense stress, and without doubt, the relationship between stress and violence is complex. ... stress is more a rationale or aggravating factor in GBV rather than a cause.”*  
(Parkinson 2022: 13, emphasis in original).

In addition to the review undertaken by Parkinson in 2022, a meta-analysis undertaken in 2021 examines both the quality of the research evidence and the nature of the links between violence against women and girls and disasters in recent years (Thurston et.al. 2021). The database of these two evidence reviews were overlapping, but not the same. Thurston et. al. considered 37 studies including 20 quantitative, 16 qualitative and one mixed methods design, 20 of which were not included in the Parkinson review. Both studies focus on the significant methodological difficulties in drawing conclusions on this topic of study (Parkinson 2022: and Thurston et. al. 2021):

- Many studies were assessed as being of poor overall methodology quality (13 of the 37 were ranked in the 2021 study as scoring 5 or below on rating scale of 1 to 10).
- A minority of studies compare pre- and post-disaster experiences, and most do not consider different levels of disaster exposure.
- Different studies use different definitions of gender based violence, and their focus varies considerably by both type of violence (including different combinations of physical, sexual, psychological, controlling behaviours, femicide, forced early marriage and financial violence), and type of perpetrator (partners or non-partners).
- Very few studies use methodologically sound approaches to assessing risk factors and the contribution of trauma and stress related to disasters, as already noted above.

### Summary of the international evidence

Notwithstanding the findings on causality above, the two meta-reviews conclude that exposure to natural disasters does either increase or exacerbate violence against women and girls, although there is an emphasis on different factors. The Thurston review finds 11 of the total 37 studies report a positive association between disaster exposure and measured partner or non-partner violence outcomes and concludes that there are 3 key pathways for this increase to occur (Thurston et. al. 2021: 1, 4-10):

- exposure to disasters can increase violence against women and girls (VAWG) by increasing the stressors that trigger the violence;
- disasters also increase the enabling environments for VAWG to occur; and
- disasters may exacerbate the underlying drivers of VAWG.

Digging deeper into the findings of the Thurston review helps to interpret the Vanuatu data, where women who are already living with violence have such varied experiences. Five of the studies included in the Thurston review found no positive association between disaster exposure and VAWG. However, most importantly for the Vanuatu context, two of these quantitative studies commented on the exceptionally high rates of pre-disaster VAWG (Thurston et. al. 2021: 10, based on studies by Frasier 2004 in North Carolina of USA, and Campbell 2015 in Haiti).

An additional quantitative study from PNG conducted in 2018 (not included in either of the two meta-reviews cited above), also suggests that pre-existing very high rates of VAWG may well dilute the findings of pre- and post-disaster investigations into the impacts of disasters on VAWG. The PNG study came to two important conclusions: that there was both a decline in the acceptability of intimate partner violence (IPV) following the 2018 earthquake (which actually interrupted an ongoing Demographic and Health survey), and a small decline in the proportion of women experiencing IPV in the year following the earthquake (Leng and Tandon 2024: 3-4, 21-22)<sup>14</sup>.

Vanuatu also has very high rates of intimate partner violence compared to global averages (see Chapter 11 for details), regardless of how this is measured. It is reasonable to conclude that this very high rate of all forms of violence against women may also be contributing to a dilution of the specific impacts of disasters on partner violence in Vanuatu. Parkinson's conclusion also supports this interpretation (Parkinson 2022: 16):

*"Disasters do not exist in isolation from the social and cultural constructs that marginalize women and place them at risk of violence. ... It appears that when violence against women is accepted and widespread, 'endemic' in the words of the IFRC, it is not only more difficult to quantify increases post-disaster, but also condones men's 'right' to use GBV."*

The evidence base continues to rapidly grow on this topic, and includes 3 additional meta-reviews undertaken in the last few years that are not reviewed in detail here (cited in Mannell et. al. 2025), as well as both quantitative and qualitative studies more focused on the Pacific region (Alson et. al. 2023, Karlsson et. al. 2023, and Mannell et. al. 2025). One of these, focused on Samoa, finds similar mixed results on associations between increases in violence perpetration and disasters in the Pacific region (Mannell et. al. 2025: 2-3). However, the Samoa study does draw some very important conclusions that need to be considered in any future work in this area, in addition to helping to contextualise the Vanuatu findings (Mannell et. al. 2025: 1, 9, emphasis added):

*"Survey data from rural Samoa show an association between disaster experience and poor mental health among men and women, and an association between disaster experience and intimate violence in the past 12 months among women."*

*"Multiple exposures to disasters have a dose-response relationship with women's experience of intimate partner violence, pointing to a higher risk of violence among women exposed to multiple disasters."*

### Implications for Vanuatu

All the above evidence points to the need for a well-designed risk factor analysis to determine the extent to which disasters and emergencies do increase the likelihood of women experiencing intimate partner violence in their lifetime in Vanuatu, compared with other key factors in women's and men's backgrounds (see chapter 10). The Samoa study findings are particularly sobering, because the likelihood of a dose-response relationship is very high in Vanuatu, given the increased frequency of climate-change related disasters throughout the country.

<sup>14</sup> The study reported that 63% of women in PNG experienced intimate partner violence in the previous year before the survey, which is very high compared with global rates (Leng and Tandon 2024: 11). The earthquake affected both Hela and the Southern Highlands provinces, but the pre- and post-disaster findings of the study were confined to Southern Highlands province, including findings on attitudes.

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***We say we are resilient***

*“Women were too afraid to walk around, and fewer clients were coming. ....everyone was still traumatised because it was such a big earthquake. We say we are resilient....we are more focused on recovery, the food, our family. Even if we are facing abuse or some sort of violence, we leave that aside for a while, and we focus on the main thing: survival. Then, after that, we might come in for the counselling.”*

*(VWC staff member, Progress Report 4 monitoring and evaluation workshop, August 2025)*

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All these findings point to the need for more focus on examining the multiple and increased hardships and consequences (including physical and mental health impacts on women) that can inevitably be expected to result from experiencing both types of trauma simultaneously: intimate partner violence, and disaster-related trauma.

## 4.9 How violent are women towards their husbands or partners?

**How many women have initiated physical violence against their husbands and partners, when he has not been hitting or beating them?**

Overall, a minority of women initiate physical violence towards their husbands or partners: 83% of ever-partnered women have never done so, and 16% said they had initiated physical violence when he was not beating her.

**Does this percentage vary according to women’s demographic characteristics and background?**

There is very little variation in the percentage of women who have initiated violence by religion, age or socio-economic status. However, some variations are noteworthy (Table 4.13, Annex 2):

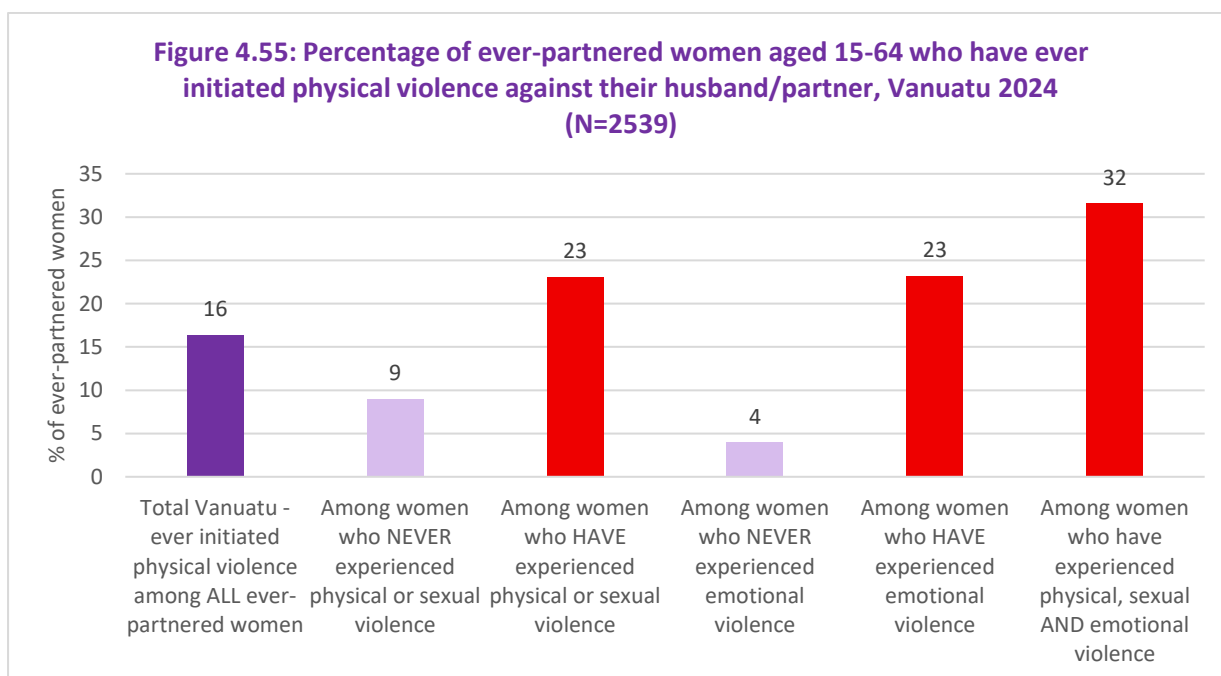
- Women from Penama province are far less likely to initiate physical violence against their husband or partner when he is not hitting or beating them: only 5% have ever done so, compared with 16% nationally.
- Younger women aged 15 to 19 are less likely to initiate physical intimate partner violence: 11% said they had done so when their husband or partner was not hitting or beating them, compared with 18% aged 20-24. Women aged 25-34 were most likely to initiate physical violence, with 21% reporting that they had done so.
- Interestingly, the biggest variation by background characteristic is among tertiary educated women: 38% have initiated physical violence against their husbands/partners, compared with 13% of women with no education, 15% who have completed primary education, and 16% with secondary education.

**What about women who are already experiencing physical, sexual or emotional violence by their husbands and partners – are they more likely to initiate physical violence against their husbands or partners?**

Women’s experience of intimate partner violence in their lifetime is a key factor in whether or not they will also initiate physical violence – if women are experiencing physical, sexual or emotional partner violence, they are considerably more likely to initiate violence themselves. All the comparisons below are highly statistically significant, with P values of less than 0.001 (Table 4.13 of Annex 2, and Figure 4.55):

- 23% of women (more than 2 in 10) who have experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence said that they had initiated physical violence against their husbands or partners, compared with only 9% (less than 1 in 10) of those who have never experienced physical or sexual violence.

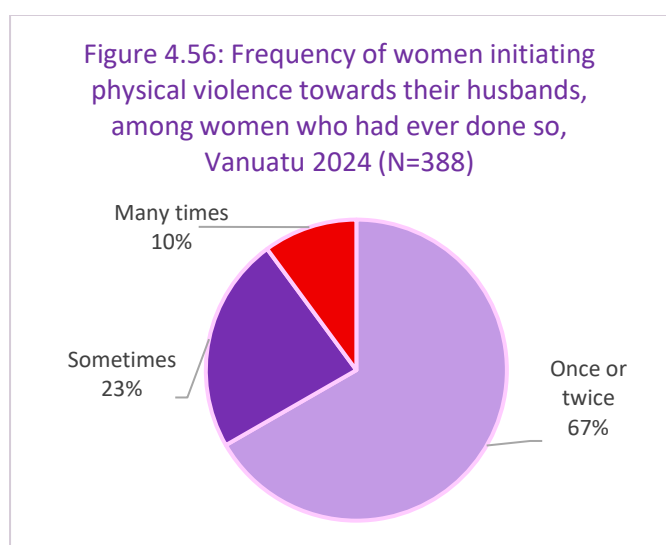
- Similarly, 23% of women who have experienced emotional violence have initiated physical violence, compared with only 4% for those who have not experienced any emotional intimate partner violence.
- Women who have experienced all 3 types of intimate partner violence (physical, sexual and emotional) are even more likely to initiate physical violence, with 32% having done so at least once.



Source: Table 4.13, Annex 2. N=2539 because one woman ended the questionnaire before this question.

### How often do women initiate physical violence towards their husbands and partners?

Among the 388 ever-partnered women who said that they had ever initiated physical violence towards their husband/partner (when he was not beating or hitting her), almost 7 in 10 (67%) said they had only done so once or twice. More than 2 in 10 (23%) said they had done this sometimes (23%) and 10% had initiated physical violence many times (Figure 4.56).



*"It is not the cultural norm for women to hit their husbands. Usually, this happens because she knows that the husband is cheating on her with another woman. **We actually see more women fighting the women in his life, instead of fighting him.**"*

*"It happens when she is fed up with his behaviour, it is not just out of the blue, and for no reason, unlike men's violence towards women. For example, according to our gender roles, it is all right for the husband to drink kava. He keeps doing it, and there is no money left for food for the family" (VWC Interpretation Workshop, 19/3/2025)*

## 4.10 How many types of partner violence are women living with?

### How do physical, sexual and emotional violence overlap?

There are several ways of looking at women's experiences of violence by their husband/partner. Figure 4.57 considers the overlap between physical and sexual partner violence, and Figure 4.58 presents the overlap between physical, sexual and emotional partner violence. Both provide different insights into the struggles that women face when living with intimate partner violence.

**Figure 4.57: Overlap of lifetime physical or sexual partner violence, among ever-partnered women who have experienced either type of abuse, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2540)**

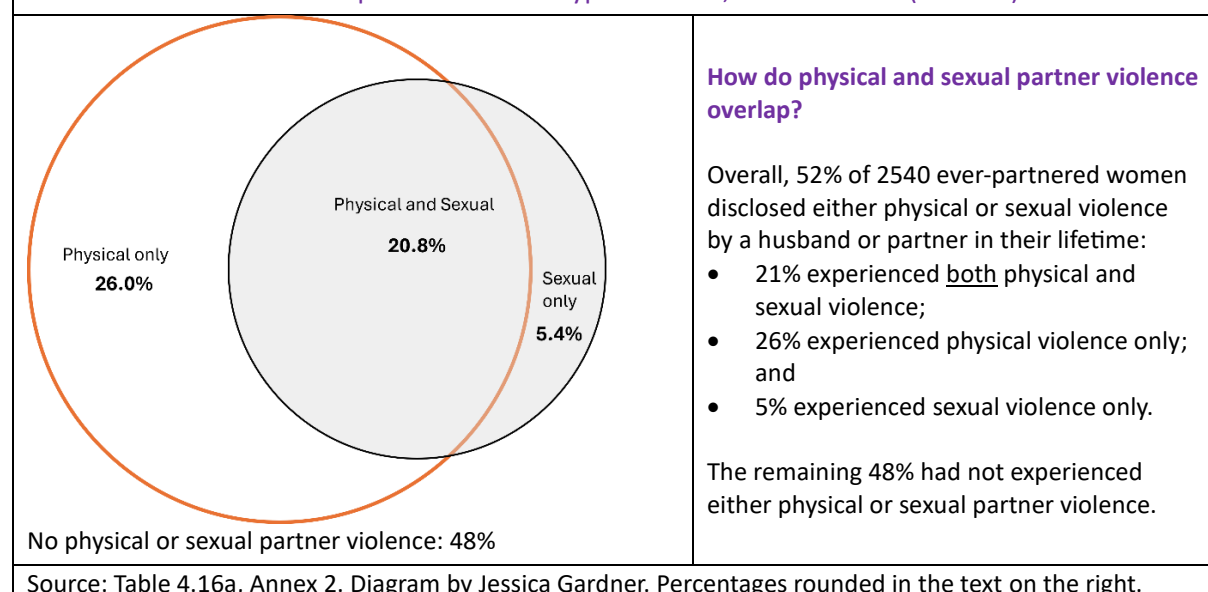
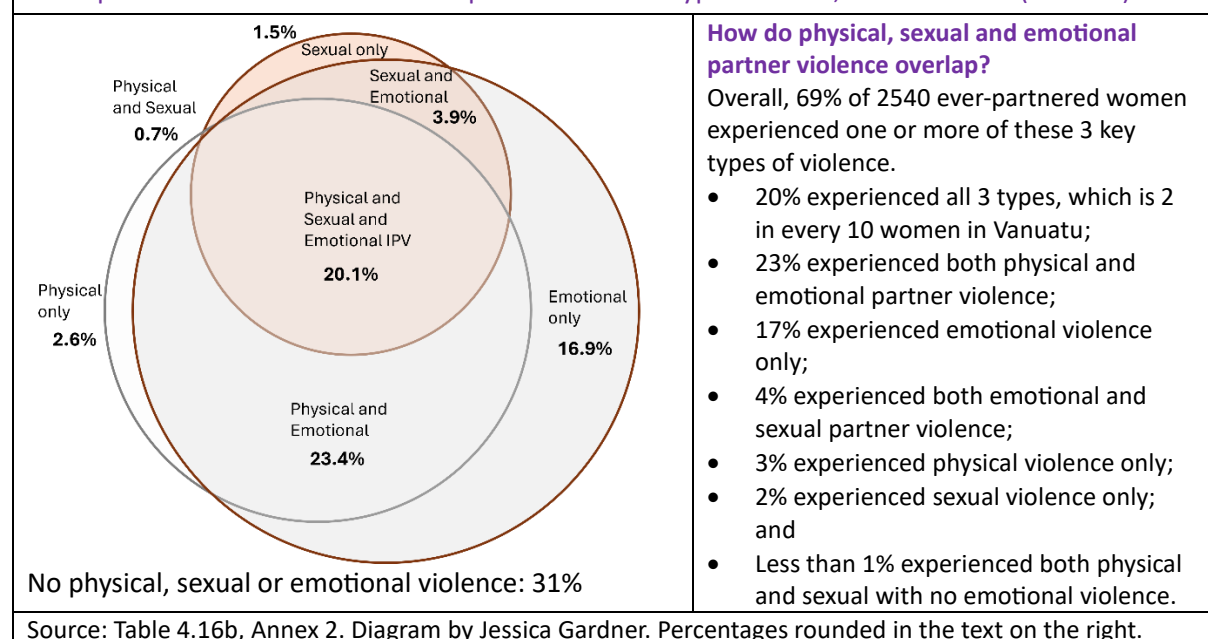


**Figure 4.58: Overlap of lifetime physical or sexual or emotional partner violence, among ever-partnered women who have experienced either type of abuse, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2540)**

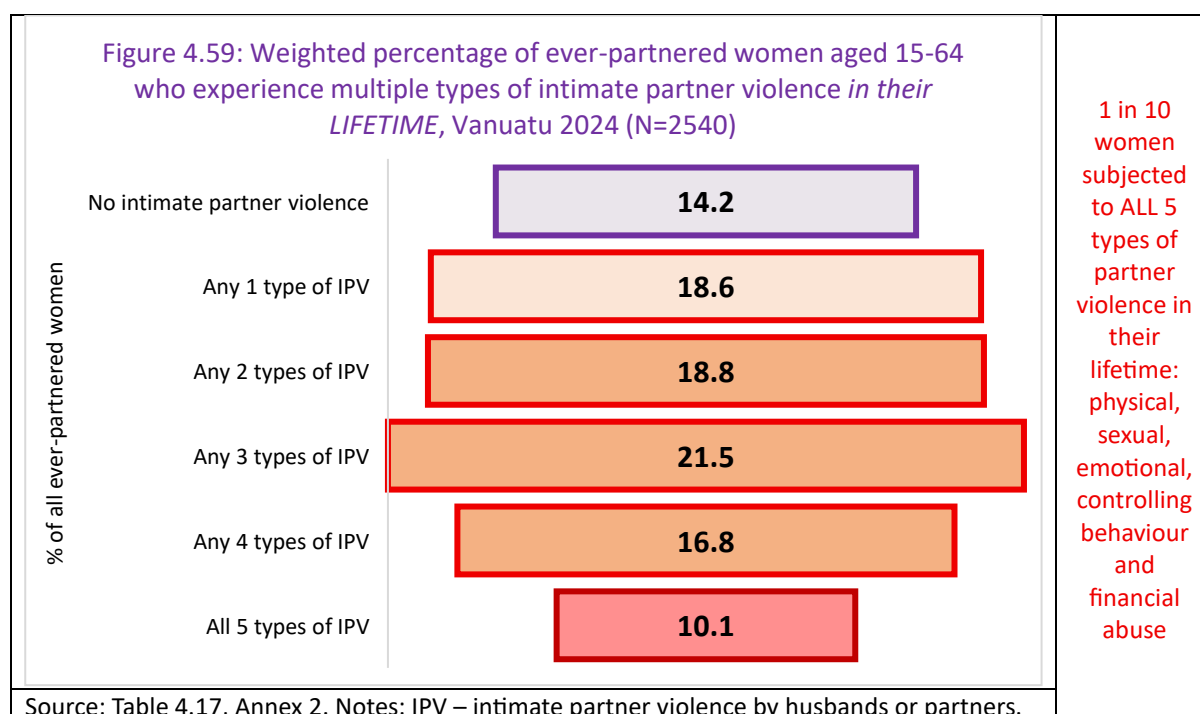




### How many women are living with all 5 types of intimate partner violence?

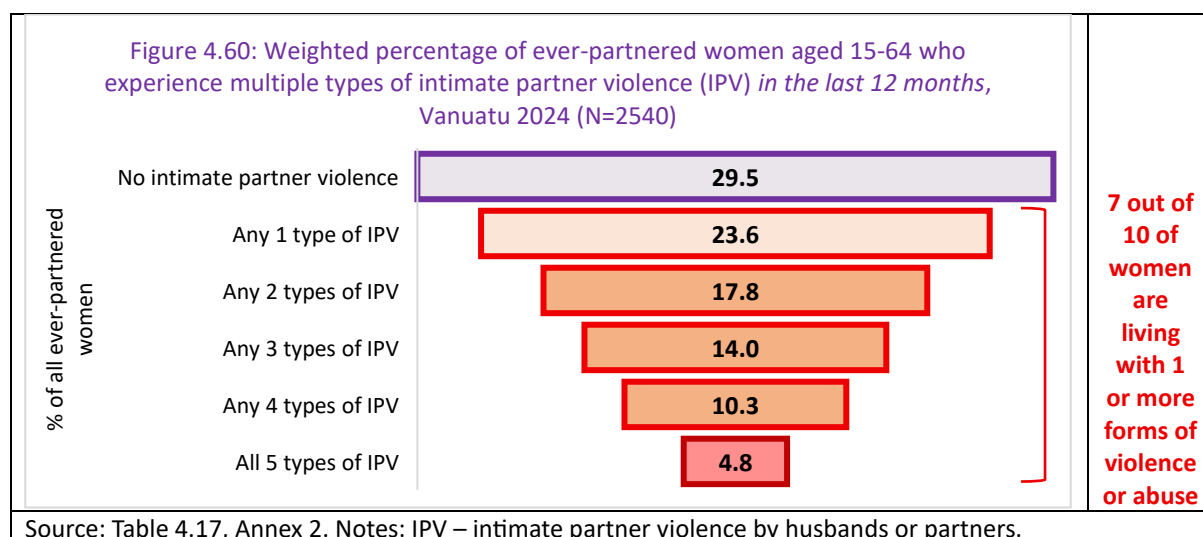
In order to fully understand the scale and depth of the impact that intimate partner violence is having on women's lives, it is important to consider the overlap between all of the 5 different major types of domestic violence: physical, sexual, emotional, controlling behaviours, and financial violence. Considering this over the lifetime shows that the vast majority of women (more than 8 in 10, or 85.6%) experience one or more types of partner violence at some point in their lives (Figure 4.59):

- Only 14.2% of ever-partnered respondents (less than 2 in 10 women) had no experience of any type of intimate partner violence in their lifetime.
- Almost 2 in 10 women (18.6%) experience one type only, and another 18.8% experienced 2 types.
- **Almost half of the respondents (48.4%) experience 3 or more types of violence:** 21.5% (more than 2 in 10) experience 3 types, 16.8% (almost 2 in 10) experience 4 types, and 10.1% (1 in 10) have suffered from all 5 types of violence – physical, sexual, emotional, coercive control and financial violence.



During the last 12 months, the picture is very stark. Thankfully, 30% of women are not currently experiencing any type of intimate partner currently, but 7 in every 10 are living with one or more types (Figure 4.60).

- More than 2 in 10 (23.6%) are living with one type only, and another 17.8% (almost 2 in 10) are living with 2 types.
- **Overall, almost 3 in 10 women (29.1%) are living with 3 or more types of violence,** with 14% living with 3 types, 10.3% living with 4 types, and 4.8% (1 in 20) living with all 5 types.



## 4.11 Summary of the key patterns on intimate partner violence

When considering all 5 types of intimate partner violence examined in the survey, and the additional data collected on technology-facilitated abuse and violence during disasters and emergencies, several key patterns emerge.

### Patterns related to age:

- Young women are living with the highest rates of each type of intimate partner violence.
- **Violence begins very early in women's relationships.**
- Although many women continue to suffer from each type of abuse as they age, the current prevalence rate does tend to gradually decrease with age, particularly for physical and sexual violence.
- However, **emotional violence, controlling behaviours and financial violence are more persistent over the life cycle, and the prevalence drops at a markedly slower rate.** In other words, for those women who are unfortunate enough to experience these abuses, the abuse is more likely to last for the duration of their lives.

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*"During the research, we went to so many places that are hard to get to, and expensive to get to due to rising costs of all transport, and many were places we had never been to before for VWC to share our messages. The women there have been suffering all their lifetimes. But they are still strong. They couldn't come to us, because access to transport and communications are so difficult."*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)

*"Even our older men, they still say these hurtful things about women, in front of other people. Sometimes when a woman has died, people will say: 'Woman ya bai hemi spel now.' It means, she is going to rest now. It means that she will no longer have to live with the violence."*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 18/3/2025)

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### Patterns related to disability:

**Women living with the most severe disabilities** – who live with a lot of difficulty in daily functioning, or who have one or more life functions that they cannot perform at all – **are subjected to higher rates of most forms of intimate partner violence** than women who have no difficulty with daily functioning, or some difficulties.

- The only clear exception to this pattern is the experience of intimate partner violence during emergencies.
- For some types of violence, the increased prevalence by level of disability is somewhat less clear for women with the most severe level of disability (such as for current levels of technology-facilitated abuse). However, it should be noted that prevalence for women with the highest levels of disability is most likely to be under-estimated, due to inherent limitations in large population-based studies of this type (see chapter 2).

### Patterns related to location:

Overall, most forms of intimate partner violence are more prevalent in rural than urban areas. Sometimes this is markedly so, such as punching or kicking pregnant women in the stomach, which is much higher in rural areas. However, there are a few notable exceptions to this pattern:

- One is financial violence, which is marginally more prevalent in urban areas.
- Another is the percentage of women who experience partner violence during disasters, which is a little higher in urban areas than in rural areas.
- Finally, current prevalence of technology facilitated abuse is only marginally higher in rural areas than urban areas.

Port Vila and Efate – where VWC’s prevention work has been most concentrated since its establishment – tend to have lower prevalence rates than all other locations, notwithstanding the patterns noted above.

Patterns related to socio-economic status, education levels and religion:

Physical and/or sexual abuse shows a gradual trend downwards in lifetime prevalence, as one moves from higher to lower socio-economic status and education levels.

- However, current prevalence rates disrupt this trend for emotional violence, as do the prevalence rates for financial violence and technology facilitated abuse, where women of higher status and education levels experience partner violence at the same or higher levels than those with lower status and education.
- The trend is completely reversed for coercive control, where women are more likely to be subjected to control as they progress through the education system, from primary to tertiary education.

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*“We are beginning to see more women of higher status, and women who are tertiary educated come to VWC for help. But they are reluctant – if they admit to violence, they see themselves as being weak.”*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 17/3/2025)

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Although prevalence by religion varies across types of partner violence, the key finding is that no type of religion or denomination protects women from abuse by their husbands or partners.

Multiple forms of severe abuse and violence are framed by unequal gender relations:

The most persistent forms of intimate partner violence throughout the life cycle – namely emotional and financial violence and controlling behaviours – frame the violence that many women are living with. Very high levels of coercive control describe a bedrock of unequal gender relations in Vanuatu, regardless of whether or not women experience any of the other forms of intimate partner violence.

The severity and frequency of many acts of violence – and the fact that so many women are currently living with multiple forms and types – is confirmed by the caseload that VWC sees through its counselling work, and by the experiences that women share in prevention activities including in 5-day workshops. The physical and mental health impacts and other consequences of these oppressive and damaging behaviours are described in detail in chapters 7 to 9.

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*“All the data that we have seen reflects what we are hearing in counselling, and in our visits to communities.”*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 20/3/2025)

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While the methodology used to capture acts of intimate partner violence was comprehensive and well-tested, the case studies shared by VWC staff during the interpretation workshop confirm that it is never possible to capture and represent all the various forms and acts of violence perpetrated against women. All the prevalence rates in this chapter should be seen as minimum estimates, particularly those for sexual violence and technology facilitated abuse.

***Box 4.7: A young women flees from violence and control, in fear for her life***

Trish and Troy were living in a de facto relationship. They met during a celebration, and Troy brought Trish home to his father and mother's house. They soon had baby girl, and one year later Trish gave birth to a boy after they had moved to another village.

If Troy saw strangers in their village, he would lock Trish and the children in the house and would not let them outside. One day during a fundraiser, a lot of people came to their village. Troy stopped Trish from going to the fundraiser, but the children wanted to eat something at the market, so they all went and got something to eat and sat on the mat and watched a live band entertaining people.

Troy went to the house, but Trish was not inside, so he went outside calling out Trish's name until Trish came back to the house. He closed the door and beat her up. Trish cried, and the children cried. He tore off Trish's clothes and threw Trish outside of the house and cried out to boys and men to come and have sex with her. She was ashamed and covered herself with banana leaves so that her son and daughter could not see her naked outside.

The next day Troy told Trish to take the children with their grandparents. He said he wanted to go with Trish to the Eastern part of the island. They had gone about halfway, when they walked underneath a banyan tree. Troy told Trish to wait for him, he climbed the tree and cut its young vine. He told Trish that he was going to tie her and hang her with the vine. He started to fasten the rope around her neck. She struggled and struggled and called her father's and mother's name until he stopped and untied the rope and told her to undress. He put her down and had sex with her. Then they went to their garden and got some taro, and he made her carry the taro up the hill and back to the village.

When they arrived in the village Trish was very scared, and she ran away in the night to her grandmother's home in another village. Her granny knew a staff member in the VWC office, so she contacted her, and was referred to a VWC counsellor.

Trish spoke with the counsellor for some time, and asked the counsellor to help her apply for a Family Protection Order. VWC also assisted her to get help from the Police to remove her children safely from Troy. Trish and the counsellor also applied to the Island Court for child maintenance. Trish is now living safely with her grandmother.

[\(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 55-60\)](#)

#### ***Box 4.8: Fourteen years of multiple forms of violence and thoughts of suicide***

Rolene has lived in a de facto relationship with Ray for 14 years and had 3 children. But life was not easy, because she endured domestic violence in all its forms, whilst continuing to nurture her 3 children.

Ray decided to go on seasonal work in Australia but did not provide money to Rolene and their children. Rolene had to sell food to earn money to pay for their children's school fees and other basic needs for the family. Ray would send her money at her request, but would also make sure that Rolene refunds his money, making it very difficult to support her children financially. Rolene was deeply traumatised by the emotional and sexual violence as well as the coercive control Ray used against her. Numerous times she was threatened by Ray because she would not submit to his sexual demands. Ray would threaten to harm their children if she refused his sexual demands, including when he was in Australia and wanted her to commit sexual acts by video.

After Ray returned to Vanuatu, Rolene decided to travel for seasonal work while Ray stayed back and took care of their children. However, Ray still made sure he controlled Rolene while she was working overseas. Ray made sure that Rolene sent money for the children's school fees, paid for a house helper to take care of the children and home chores, and other family expenses. Even though she felt relieved that she could earn sufficient money to meet her family's financial needs, Ray would continue to control her with his violent attitude and aggressive behaviour. **On one occasion, he phoned her and showed her that he was holding a knife to their son's neck, and threatening to stab him if she did not submit to his on-line sexual demands.** Rolene went to a place where she could throw herself off a bridge in Australia, and be killed instantly. But then, she stopped and thought things through.

When Rolene returned from seasonal work, she and Ray were not on speaking terms and she knew that she was not safe around him. She decided to seek help at the Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC). At VWC, Rolene shared the hardships she faced during her childhood, and all the domestic violence she had been through. She was given time and space to freely express herself, and when her counsellor made reflections on her story, she became emotional when she realised that not only was she being abused, but her children as well.

VWC's empowering approach to counselling is founded on women being listened to, believed, and given information and space to make their own decisions about what steps, if any, they want to take. After some time of listening to her story, her counsellor gave her information on the different forms of domestic violence, her legal rights, the Family Protection Act, and VWC's services. Her counsellor identified various options for moving forward with her children. Rolene was empowered, but did not yet feel safe enough to return to her home, so she opted for her and her children to be kept in a safe house while an application for a Family Protection Order was made.

Counselling continued while Rolene and her children were kept in a safe house. The safe house provides an opportunity for more information to be shared, including on the cycle of domestic violence (where attacks are followed by apologies, until the attacks begin again and the cycle continues). Her counsellor also talked about gender inequality and discrimination during their time at the safe house. Her counsellor empathised with her and assisted her to think about her future.

Rolene used to be madly in love with Ray, but the continuous violence that Ray inflicted on her over all these years has negatively impacted her feelings towards him. The assistance provided to her during counselling enabled her to make her own decisions, without rushing and without the pressure of threats. She decided to stand up for herself and her children. Rolene is able to financially support herself and the children after earning money from her seasonal employment. She is a strong and determined young mother, and with the information she has received, her counsellor believes that she can sustain changes in her life as she focuses on her future plans.

[\(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2025b: 53-54\)](#)





## Chapter 5: Violence against women by non-partners

### Box 5.1: Key findings on violence against women by non-partners

#### What do women experience in their lifetime?

- More than 3 in 10 women (35%) have been physically abused since age 15 by someone other than their husband or partner. The majority of perpetrators are male family members.
- Since they turned 15, more than 2 in 10 women (21%) have been sexually abused by someone who was not their intimate partner or husband, including forced sex, attempted rape and unwanted sexual touching; **12% (more than 1 in 10) have been raped.**
- More than 1 in 10 women (12%) have been sexually harassed since age 15.
- Almost 1 in 10 women (8%) have experienced sexual technology-facilitated abuse in their lifetime since they turned 15.
- For 2 in 10 women (20%) their first experience of sex was forced, and a further 12% were coerced.

#### What type of violence happens to girls under 15?

- **More than 7 in 10 women (72%) were either physically or emotionally abused as children** under the age of 15.
- **Three in 10 women (30%) were sexually abused under the age of 15**, including forced sex, attempted rape, and unwanted sexual touching.

#### What are women experiencing right now?

- More than 1 in 10 women were physically abused in the last 12 months, by someone other than their husband or intimate partner (11%).
- 3% of women over the age of 15 were sexually abused in the last 12 months by non-partners, and 2% were raped.
- 2% of women have experienced sexual technology facilitated abuse by non-partners in the last 12 months.

This chapter presents data on the prevalence, frequency, and perpetrators of violence against women and girls by non-partners. Most indicators provide lifetime prevalence, as well as prevalence for the 12 months before the survey. Types of non-partner violence include: physical and sexual since the age of 15; and physical, sexual and emotional violence before the age of 15. Data on the overlap between partner and non-partner violence is also presented. Non-partners include any person (male or female) who is not a current or former intimate partner: such as parents, step-parents, siblings, other family members, friends, teachers, work colleagues, people in positions of authority, strangers or anyone else.

Prevalence rates presented are weighted unless otherwise noted (section 2.4), but the denominator ("N") is always the actual (unweighted) number of women interviewed for each question.

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*"When we teach our children, we say: shut the door, because we think the danger is outside. But we know – from this data and from our counselling – that **the danger is in the house...**"*

(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 24/3/2025)

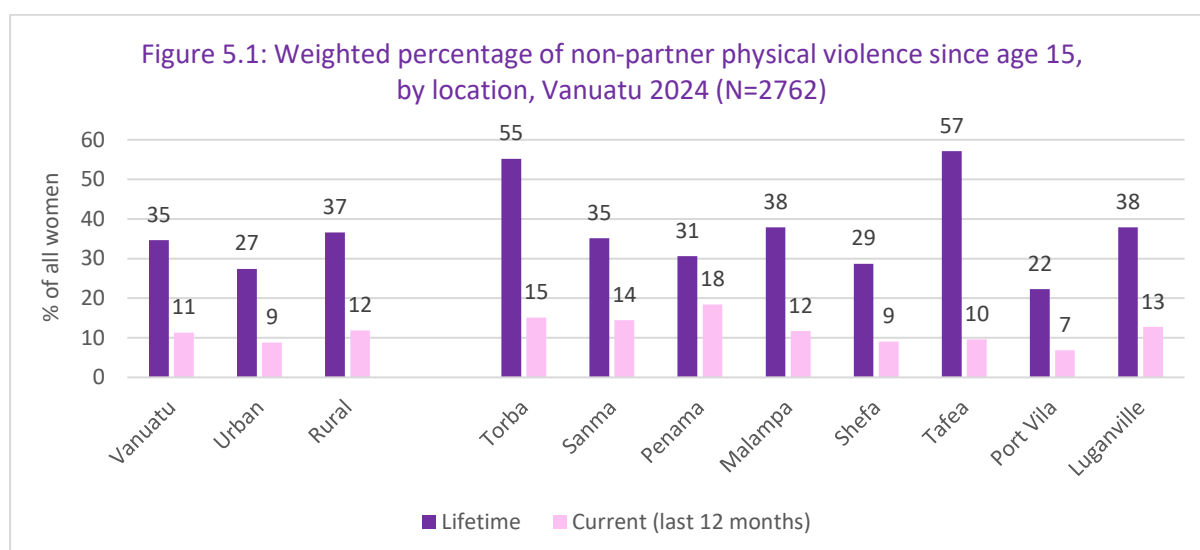
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## 5.1 Physical violence by others (non-partners) since age 15

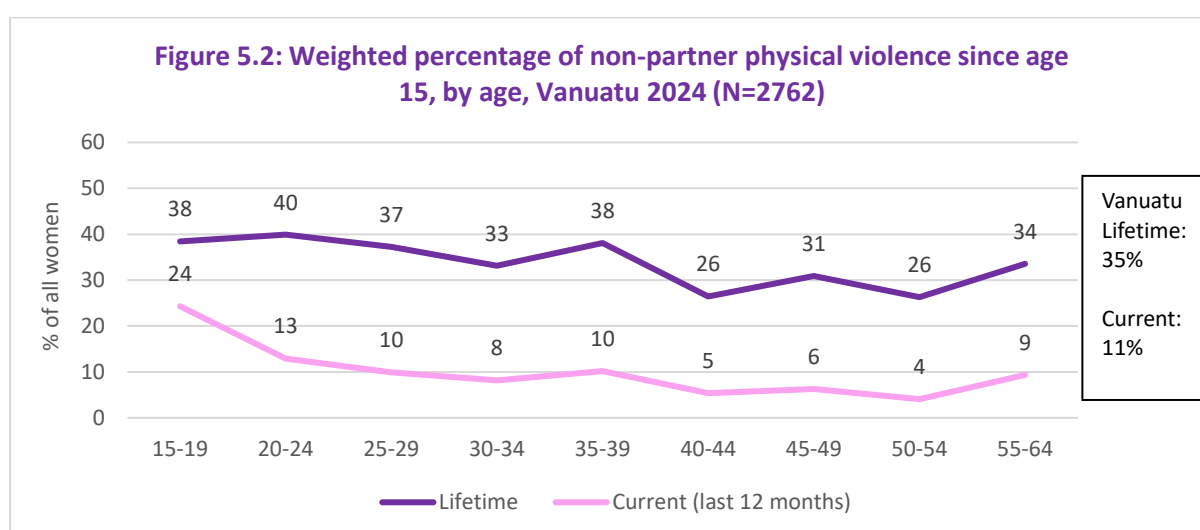
### How many women are subjected to physical violence by other people?

Overall, 35% of women (more than 3 in 10) have been physically abused by someone other than their husband or partner since they turned 15, and 11% (more than 1 in 10) have suffered this indignity in the last 12 months (Figure 5.1).

- Urban prevalence (27% in the lifetime and 9% in the last 12 months) is somewhat lower than rural prevalence (37% in the lifetime and 12% in the last 12 months). However, this is not a very useful comparison to make, given that Port Vila (urban) and Shefa province (rural) have the lowest prevalence of non-partner physical violence in the last 12 months, at 7% and 9% respectively, compared with 13% for Luganville (an urban location).
- The highest lifetime prevalence is seen in Tafea (57%) and Torba (55%), with other provinces and Luganville being close to the national rate. However, there is much less variation in the current rates of non-partner violence, ranging from a high of 18% in Penama to a low of 7% in Vila, 9% in Shefa, and 10% in Tafea.



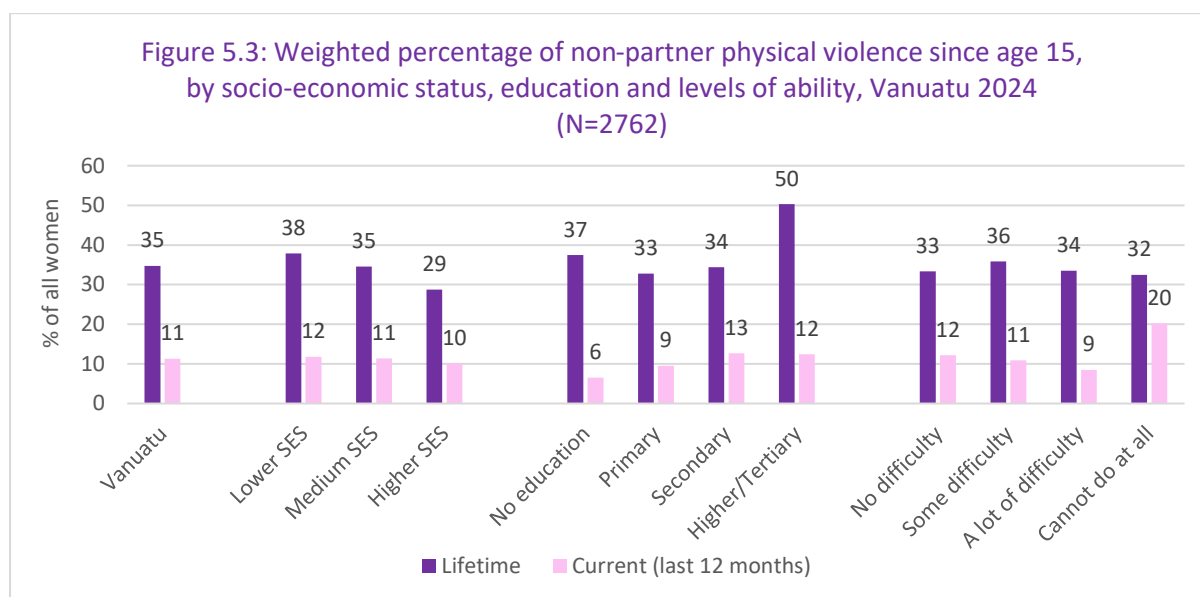
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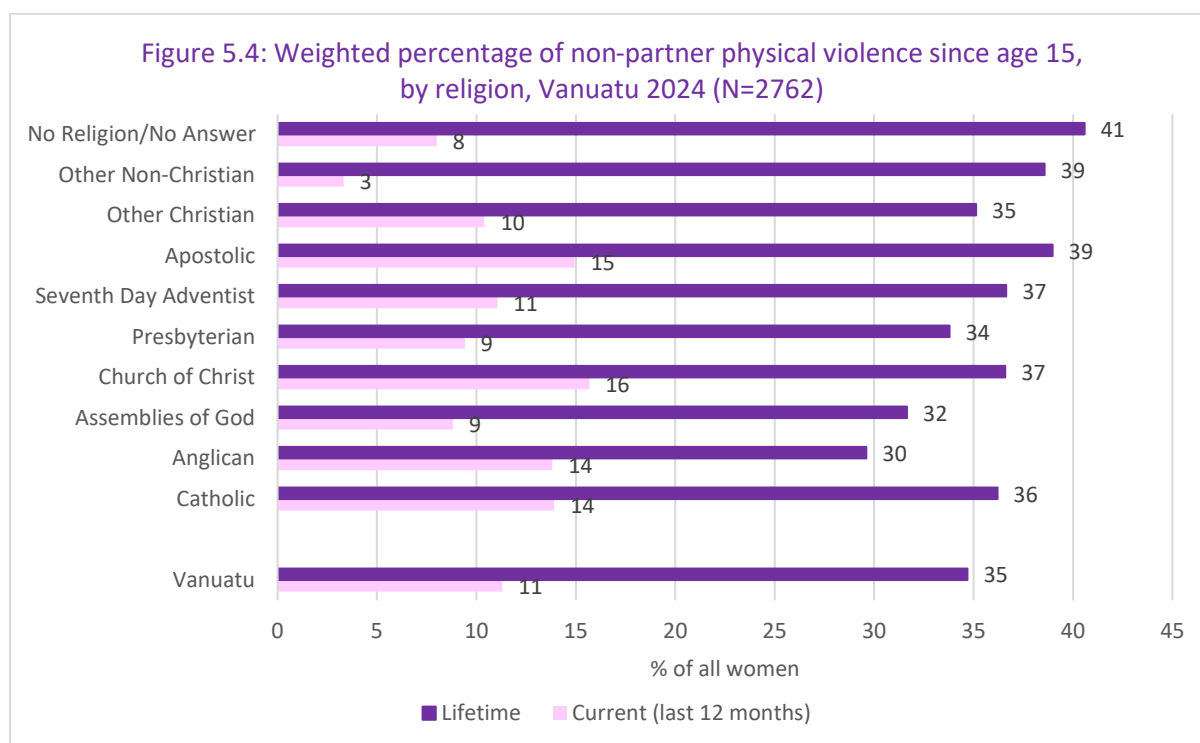
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Young women aged 15-19 have the highest current prevalence of non-partner physical violence at 24% (about 1 in 4). Within this age cohort, 15-17 year-olds are even more at risk, with 33% (1 in 3)

experiencing physical abuse in the last 12 months, compared with 16% of 18-19 year-olds. However, it is also evident that many women continue live with this throughout their whole life: 9% of women aged 55-64 experienced physical abuse from a non-partner in the last 12 months, almost 1 in 10 (Figure 5.2 and Table 5.1 of Annex 2).



Source: Table 5.1, Annex 2. Note: SES – socio-economic status, measured using a household assets index.



Source: Table 5.1, Annex 2.

Although there is a quite a bit of variation in the lifetime prevalence for non-partner physical violence by other characteristics, the current rates are less variable. The most noteworthy patterns are (Figure 5.3):

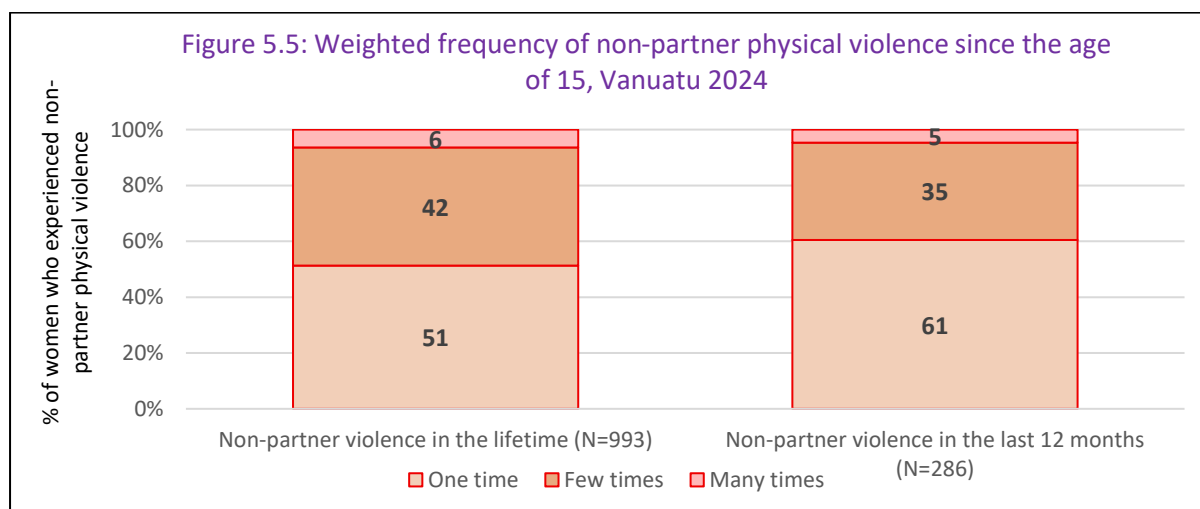
- Women living with the most severe functional difficulties/disabilities are about twice as likely to experience physical abuse as other women, with 20% having suffered from this in the last 12 months, compared with 11% for Vanuatu as a whole.
- While lifetime prevalence tends to be lower for those with higher socio-economic status, the current rates are much the same as the national rate, at 10% (1 in 10).
- Higher levels of education do not protect women from physical abuse by those around them: higher/tertiary educated women have the highest lifetime prevalence at 50% (1 in 2). Currently, those with no education have the lowest prevalence at 6%, compared with 13% for those with secondary education and 12% for those with tertiary education.

There is no significant variation by religion in the prevalence of non-partner physical violence, particularly over the lifetime, with prevalence ranging from 30% to 41% compared with national prevalence of 35%. Similarly, prevalence in the last 12 months varies a little, but no religion or denomination is free from physical violence towards women or girls, and prevalence for most denominations hovers around the national rate of 11% (Figure 5.4).

### Frequency of physical violence by other people: how often do women and girls get physically abused, and what types of abuse did they experience?

The physical violence that women were asked about included the following acts: being slapped, hit, kicked or something else done to hurt her; having something thrown at her, being pushed or pulled, or pulling her hair; choked or burnt on purpose; being threatened with a weapon such as a gun or knife, or actually being assaulted with a weapon.

About half of the women physically abused in their lifetime said that it only happened once (51%), 42% (more than 4 in 10) had been physically abused a few times, and 6% said it happened many times in their life. Among those who were abused in the last 12 months, 61% said it had only happened once, 35% (more than 3 in 10) said it happened a few times in the last 12 months, and 5% said it happened many times (Figure 5.5).



Source: Table 5.1, Annex 2.

### Who are the main perpetrators of physical non-partner violence against women aged over 15?

The majority of women said that they were abused by one perpetrator only (81%), and the remaining 19% have been physically abused by more than one person. The majority of perpetrators of physical violence are men, and more than half of these (51%) were male family members in the last 12 months (Figure 5.6 and Table 5.2a). Among the women over 15 who have been physically abused in the last 12 months:



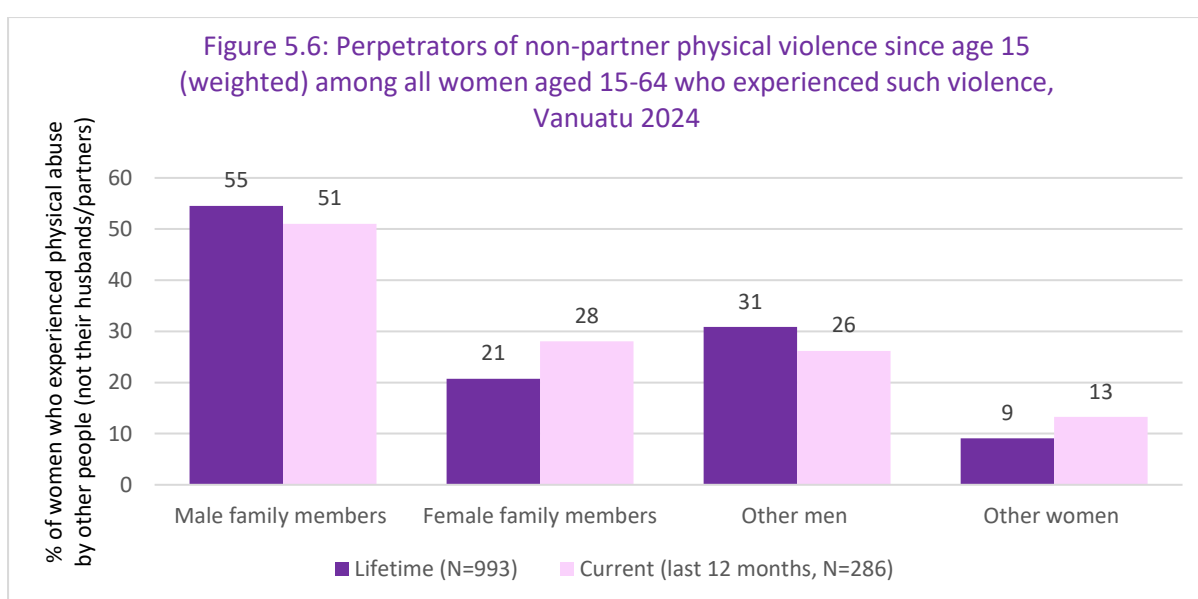
- Fathers and step-fathers are the main perpetrators, with 32% of women being hit by them since they turned 15 years old.
- Brothers are the next largest group, with 14% of women being abused by them in the last 12 months.
- Other male family members make up 11% of perpetrators, and a further 2% of women have been physically abused by male adoptive parents or family members.

***"We are not surprised by this data. If you talk back to a man in your family, you may be slapped. It is the gender norm."***

***"We had a case where a man slapped his 30-year old sister. She had gone back to live with her brother, and he hit her because she went out dancing."***

***"This reflects what we see in the community, and in our own families. Mistreating women is seen as discipline, even if she is an adult."***

(VWC Interpretation Workshop 20-21/3/2025)



Source: Table 5.2a, Annex 2. Note: percentages total more than 100% because respondents could identify multiple perpetrators.

Among the women abused since they were 15, 26% were abused by other men in the last 12 months (Figure 5.6). The main perpetrators include: male friends (10%), boyfriends (8%), teachers (6%), and neighbours (2%) (Table 5.2a).

Almost 3 in 10 women over the age of 15 (28%) were abused by female family members, and another 13% were abused by other women in the last 12 months (Figure 5.6). The main female perpetrators in the last 12 months include:

- Mothers and step-mothers, who make up 17% of perpetrators; 7% of women were abused by sisters, and 4% by other female family members. No adoptive female family members were reported as perpetrators in the last 12 months, although there were 3 respondents who were abused by females from their adoptive families in their lifetime (0.4%, Table 5.2a).
- Other female perpetrators named were friends (4%), with teachers, police, friends of the family and neighbours making up much less than 1% in each category. Seven percent of respondents named "other females" as the perpetrators, although their relationship with the respondent was not specified (Table 5.2a).



## 5.2 Sexual violence by others (non-partners) since age 15

### Measuring the prevalence of sexual violence by non-partners: forced intercourse, attempted forced intercourse, unwanted sexual touching, and sexual harassment

The international standard for measuring the prevalence of sexual non-partner violence includes 3 acts perpetrated by people who are not or have not been the woman's husband or partner:

- forced intercourse;
- attempted forced intercourse; and
- unwanted sexual acts including touching her private parts or forcing her to touch his private parts.

Sexual intercourse includes vaginal, oral or anal penetration against the women's will (by a penis or something else), including by threatening her, holding her down, putting her in a situation where she is unable to say no, and forcing sex when she is too drunk or drugged to be able to refuse.

This definition of sexual non-partner violence is important to represent in the data below, for the purposes of international comparison. The prevalence of forced intercourse is also presented separately, as well as part of the overall indicator for sexual violence, which aggregates the 3 acts listed above.

**VWC's definition of the totality of sexual violence experienced by women is broader than the standard international definition, because it also includes sexual harassment.** In VWC's view, the underlying causes of both the more severe forms of sexual abuse (defined above), and a range of acts of sexual harassment are the same: lack of respect for women's human rights and lack of respect for their bodily autonomy, underpinned by a range of fundamental gender inequalities in society and culture. For VWC, all these acts of sexual abuse are on a continuum of sexual violence.

In the survey, sexual harassment was restricted to 5 acts that are defined both according to the type of act, and the place where they occur. Vanuatu is the first country to have trialled these questions in the WHO survey instrument.

- Three questions focus on sexual coercion at work, including: being asked to perform a sexual act in order to get or keep a job or a promotion; repeated requests to go out on a date, in order to get a or keep a job or a promotion; and asking intrusive questions about her private life, or making comments, jokes or gestures of a sexual nature that made her feel uncomfortable.
- One question focuses on sexual coercion at any type of educational institution, where the woman or girl is asked to perform a sexual act in order to pass an exam or get good grades.
- The final question focuses on sexual comments, jokes, or gestures that made her feel uncomfortable in any other place, that is not related to either work or education.

In addition to providing the prevalence as defined internationally, the data below and in Annex 2 provides an aggregated rate for all the acts of sexual violence and abuse, including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, unwanted sexual touching, and sexual harassment.

VWC also included a new section in the survey with 4 questions focused on sexual technology facilitated abuse. Given that this is a new and emerging area of research, this is not aggregated into the sexual violence indicators described above, but is presented separately in this section.

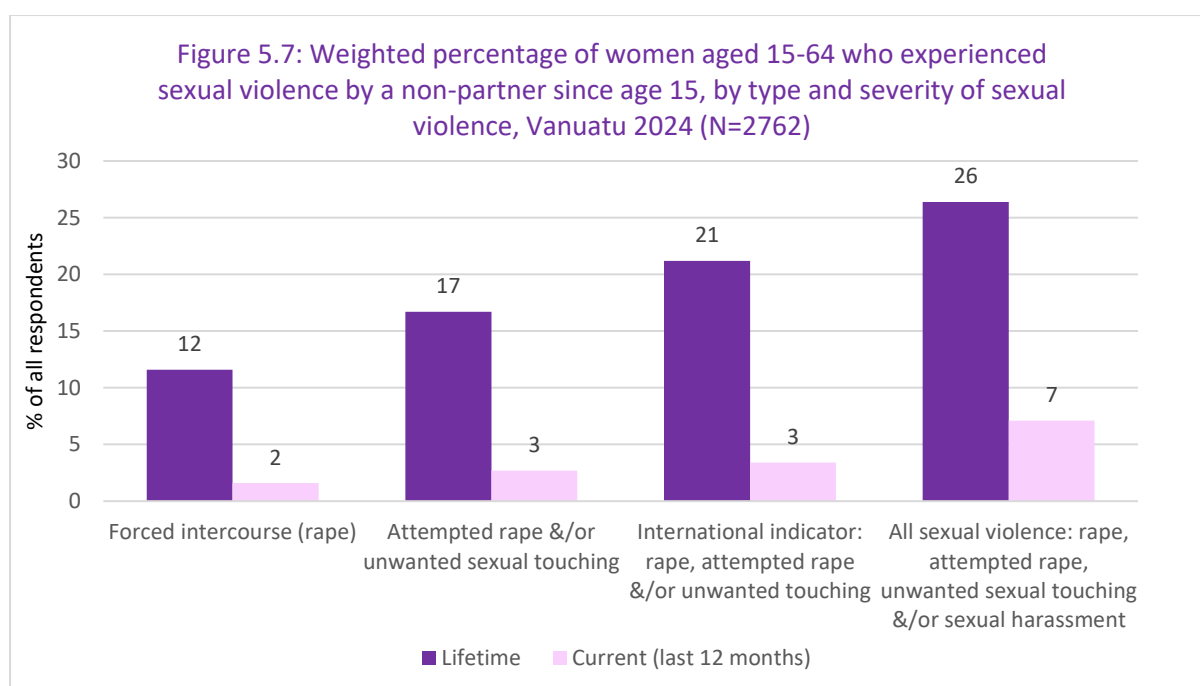
### How many women are subjected to sexual violence by other people (non-partners)?

Using the standard international measure, 21% of all women experienced sexual abuse in their lifetime (more than 2 in 10), and 3% experienced this in the last 12 months.

Aggregating sexual harassment into this picture shows us that overall, 26% (more than 1 in 4) have experienced some form of sexual abuse in their lifetime, and 7% have experienced this in the last 12 months.

Disaggregating these rates according to their severity (Figure 5.7):

- A very confronting and disturbing finding is that more than 1 in 10 women (12%) have been raped during their lifetime, and 2% in the last 12 months.
- Almost 2 in 10 (17%) have been subjected to attempted rape and unwanted sexual touching in their lifetime, and 3% in the last 12 months.

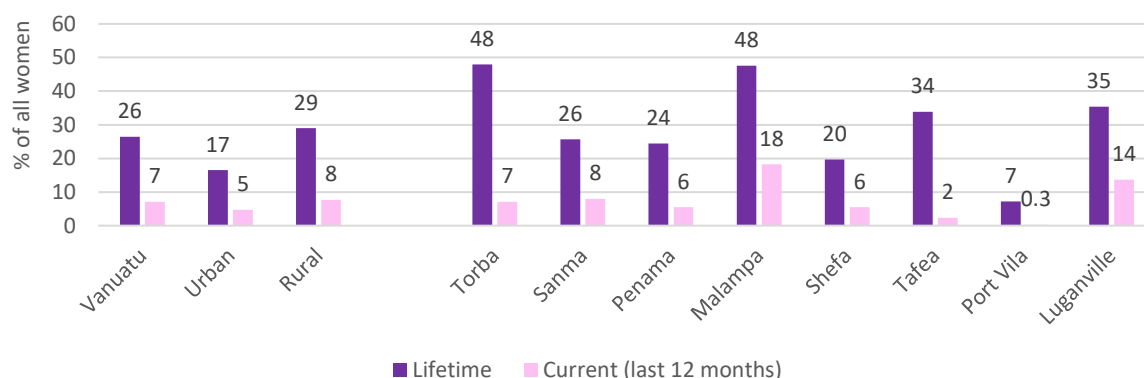


Source: Table 5.3, Annex 2.

Although the rural prevalence rate of sexual violence is once again higher than the urban rate, higher rates in Luganville confound a simple urban/rural comparison (Figure 5.8):

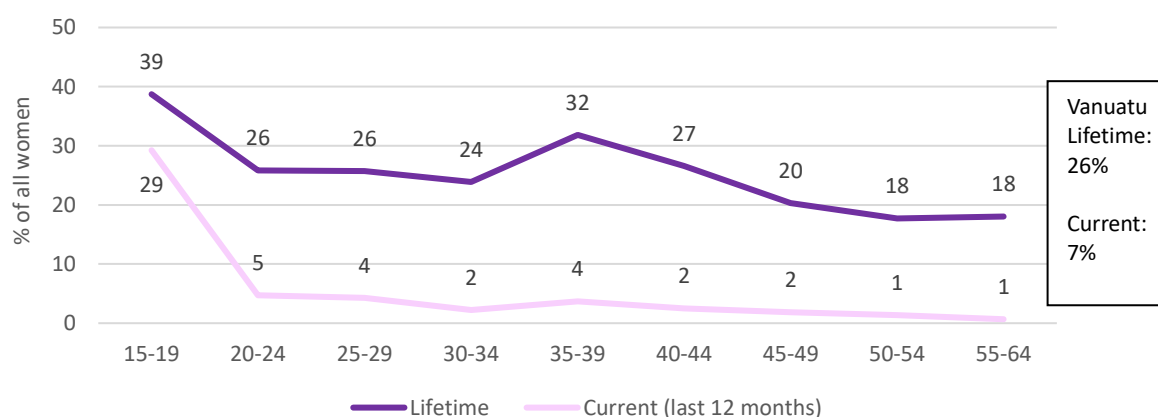
- Locations with the highest lifetime prevalence of non-partner sexual violence are Torba and Malampa (48% for both provinces, or almost 5 in 10, compared with a national rate of 26%). Lifetime prevalence for Luganville (35%) and Tafea province (34%) is also very high with more 3 in 10 women suffering this abuse.
- In contrast, Port Vila has the lowest lifetime rate of 7%; Shefa is 20%, Sanma has 26% and Penama 24%.
- Current prevalence rates hover around the national prevalence of 7% in most locations, with three exceptions. Port Vila had the lowest rate with 0.3% of women saying that they have experienced sexual violence and harassment in the past 12 months. In contrast, Malampa had the highest current prevalence of 18% (almost 2 in 10), and Luganville again had a higher rate of 14%, once again undermining the value of any urban and rural comparisons.

Figure 5.8: Weighted percentage of non-partner sexual violence (combined prevalence of rape, attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching & sexual harassment since age 15, by location, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2762)



Source: Table 5.3, Annex 2.

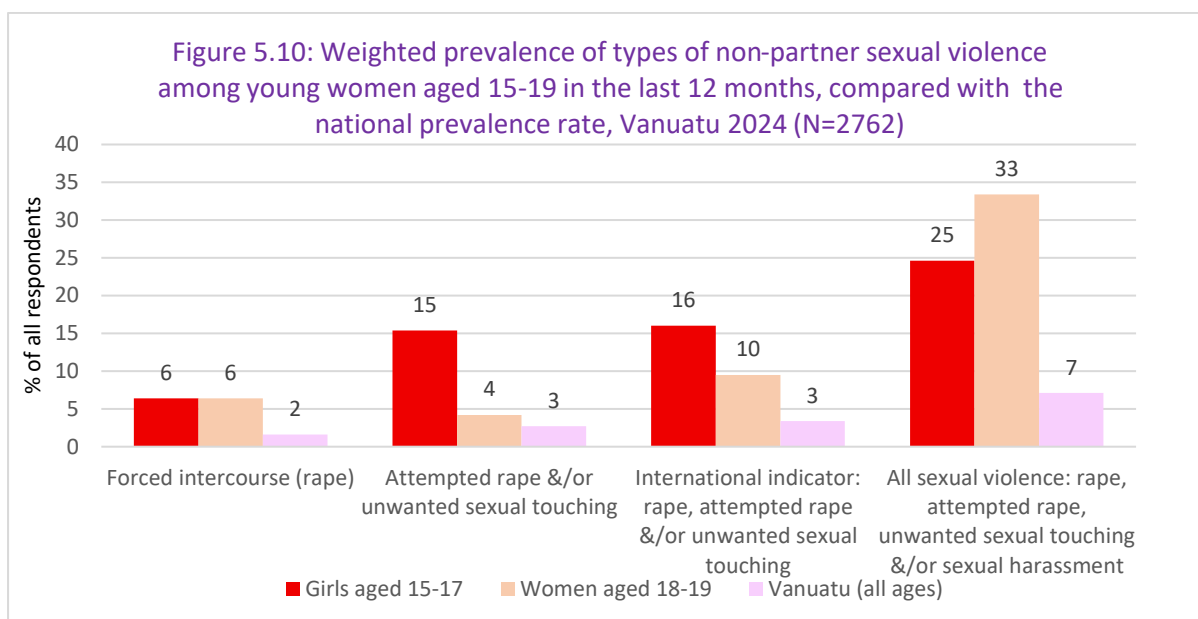
Figure 5.9: Weighted percentage of non-partner sexual violence (combined prevalence of rape, attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching & sexual harassment) since age 15, by age, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2762)



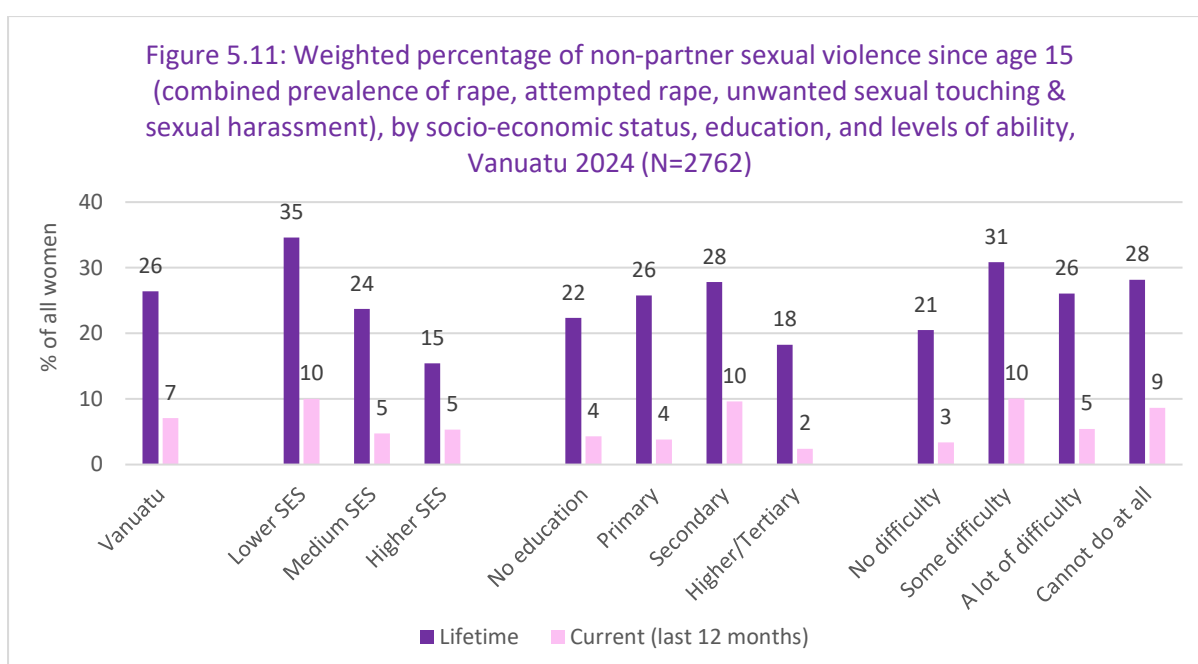
Source: Table 5.3, Annex 2.

**Young women aged 15-19 are clearly the most at risk of any type of sexual assault**, with 29% in this age group experiencing some form of abuse by a non-partner in the last 12 months. This is more than four times the national prevalence rate of 7% (Figure 5.9 and Table 5.3 of Annex 2). However, it is also important to look more closely at exactly what is happening to young women and girls under 18 compared with those over 18 (Figure 5.10 and Table 5.3 of Annex 2).

- Girls aged 15-17 have a current prevalence rate of 25% (1 in 4) for **all** forms of non-partner sexual violence including sexual harassment. This compares with 33% for those aged 18-19 (1 in 3).
- For both those aged 15-17 and those aged 18-19, 6% were raped in the last 12 months (more than 1 in 20 young women in Vanuatu today).
- Girls aged 15-17 are currently experiencing the highest rates of attempted rape and unwanted sexual touching (15% of all girls in this age group), compared with 4% for those aged 18-19. It is also clear from the data that some of these girls would have experienced both rape as well as other forms of sexual violence in the last 12 months.
- While both groups are experiencing sexual harassment at very high levels, it is clear that those in the 18-19 age group are subjected to this at a higher rate.



Source: Table 5.3, Annex 2. Note: N is 2762 and the percentages shown are among all women, although the graph highlights the experience of women and girls aged 15-19, compared with all women.



Source: Table 5.3, Annex 2. Note: SES – socio-economic status, , measured using a household assets index.

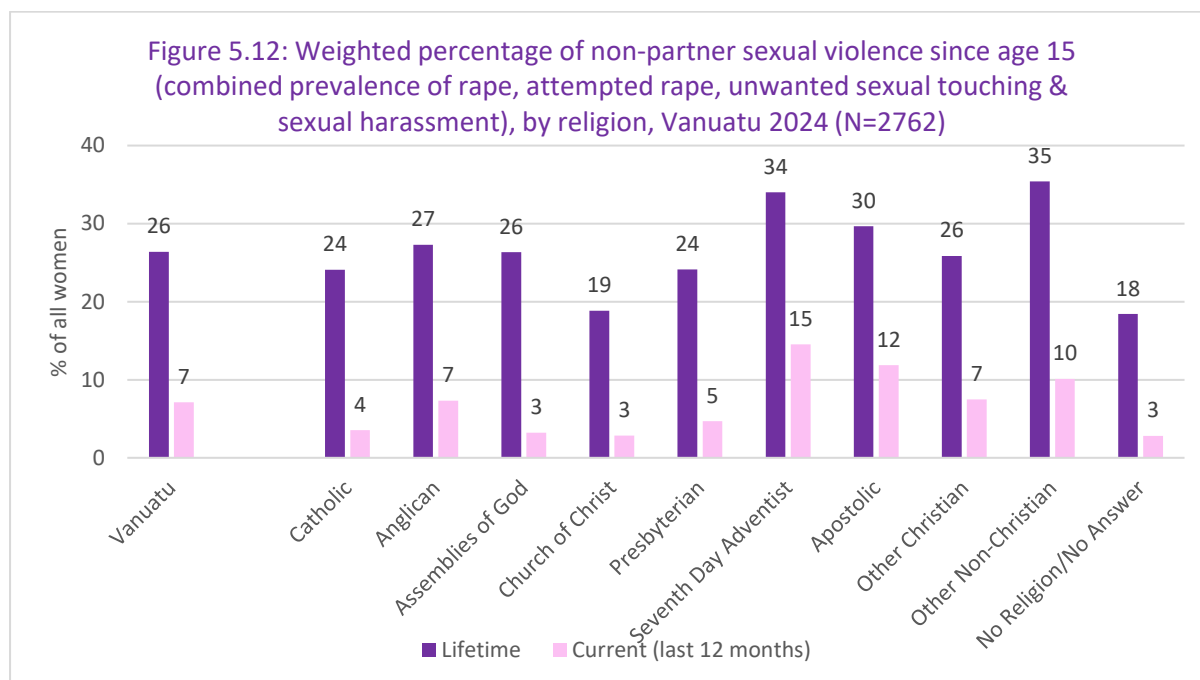
There are some variations in lifetime prevalence according to factors in women's backgrounds, but current prevalence hovers around the national rate of 7% for most women, regardless of their status or education level. However, there are some noteworthy findings (Figure 5.11):

- There is a downward trend in lifetime prevalence according to socio-economic status. Women from the lowest socio-economic group have the highest lifetime prevalence (35%). This reduces substantially to 24% for those in the medium status group, and to 15% for those with the highest status.
- Although women who have completed higher or tertiary education have lower prevalence rates than those with lower levels of education (18% in the lifetime and 2% currently), those with secondary education have the highest prevalence (28% in the lifetime and 10% in the

last 12 months), compared with those who have completed primary education, and those with no education (both these groups have a prevalence of 4% in the last 12 months).

- The data on sexual abuse by levels of ability are difficult to interpret, and it is likely that there is under-reporting for those with the highest levels of functional disability; 9% of those with the most severe disabilities experienced sexual abuse in the last 12 months, compared with the national rate of 7%.

The data by type of religion are also difficult to interpret, with no clear patterns when compared with other forms of non-partner abuse – except to conclude that women from all walks of life and religion are vulnerable to sexual predation by men other than their husbands and partners (Figure 5.12).



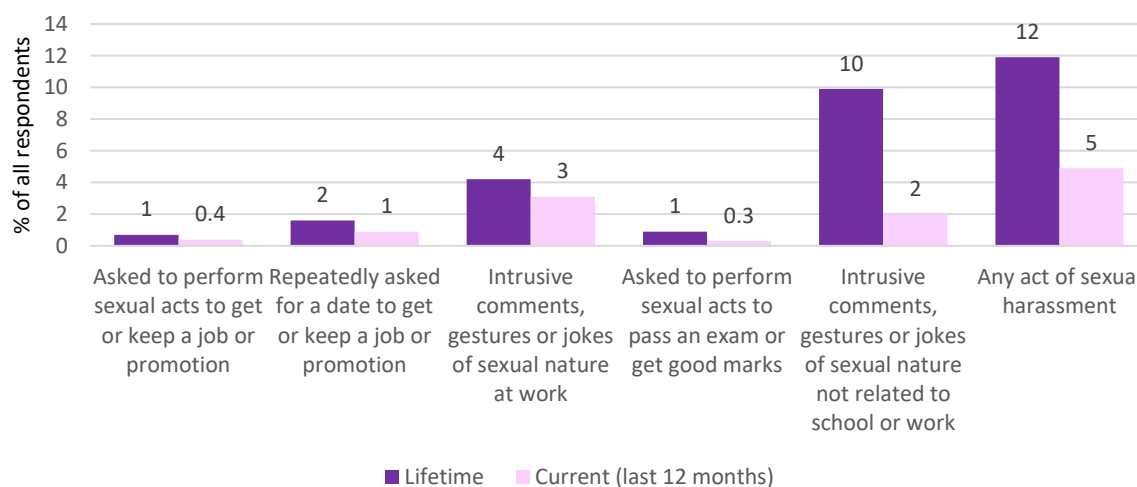
Source: Table 5.3, Annex 2.

### How many women are experiencing sexual harassment?

This data provides an additional insight into women's experiences (Figure 5.13 and Table 5.4c).

- Overall, 12% of women said that they have experienced sexual harassment in their lifetime (more than 1 in 10), and 5% in the last 12 months (1 in 20).
- Most sexual harassment occurs outside either a work or school environment, but a few women also experience sexual harassment at work (ranging from 1% to 4% depending on the specific act of harassment).

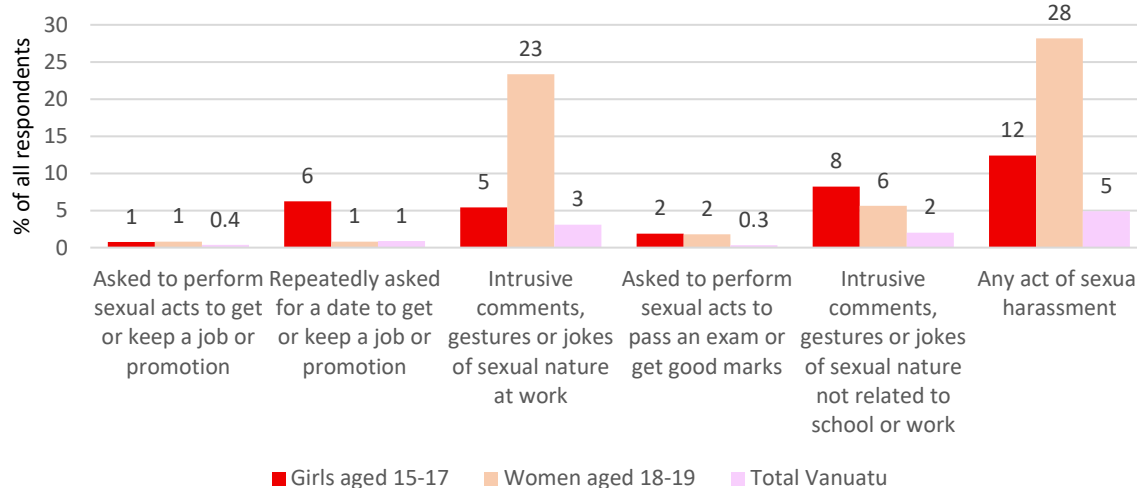
Figure 5.13: Percentage of different acts of sexual harassment among all women aged 15-64, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2762)



Source: Tables 5.4c1 and 5.4c2, Annex 2.

Current rates of sexual harassment for young women are very high, with 12% of 15-17 year-olds having to put up with this in the last 12 months (more than 1 in 10, and double the national rate), and 28% of 18-19 year-olds, almost 1 in 3 (Figure 5.14).

Figure 5.14: Percentage of different acts of sexual harassment among young women aged 15-19 in the last 12 months, compared with the national prevalence rate, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2762)



Source: Table 5.4c2, Annex 2.

For young women aged 18-19, most of the harassment is occurring at work:

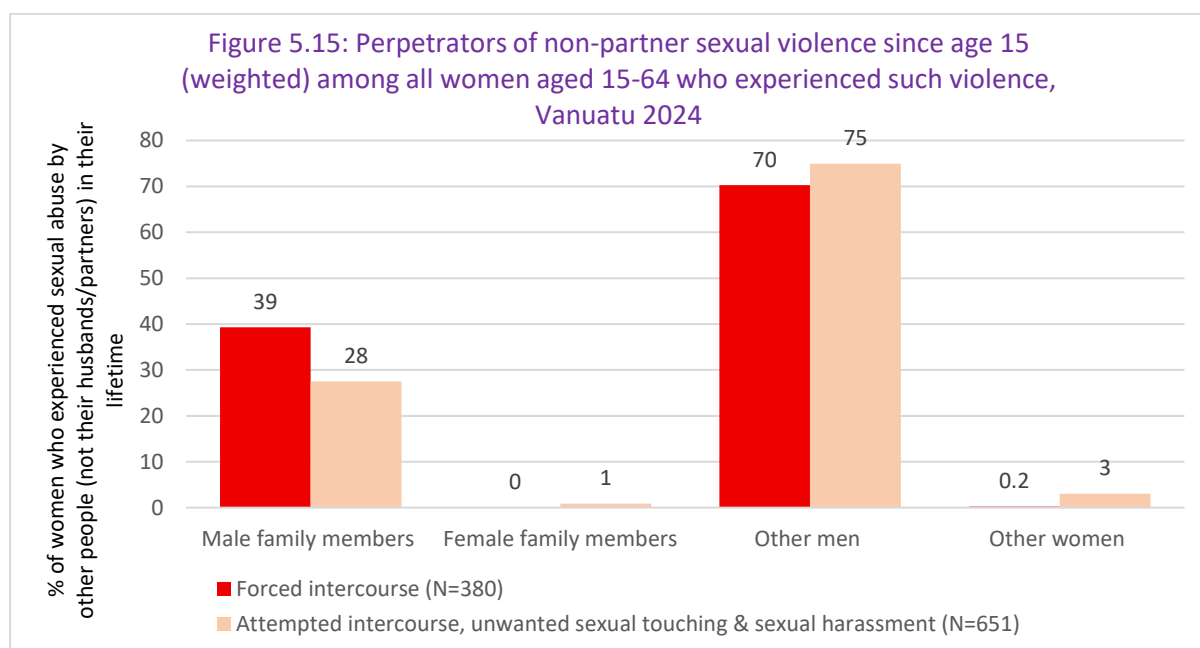
- 23% of women in this age group have had to cope with intrusive behaviour such as comments, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature which make her feel uncomfortable, and 1% have either been repeatedly asked on a date, or asked to perform sexual acts in order to get or keep a job.
- Girls aged 15-17 are also facing intrusive comments at work (5%), and another 6% are repeatedly asked to go on a date in order to either get or keep a job or a promotion (6%).



- Unfortunately, 2% of young women and girls aged 15-19 have been asked to perform sexual acts in order to pass an exam, or get good marks.

### Who are the main perpetrators of sexual non-partner violence against women aged over 15?

It is important to note at the outset that respondents could identify multiple perpetrators, and did so in some cases, so percentages in this section total more than 100%. Among the 380 respondents who have been raped in their lifetime, 39% were raped by a male family member, and 70% by other men. One respondent (0.2%) reported a female perpetrator, who was not a member of her family (Figure 5.15).



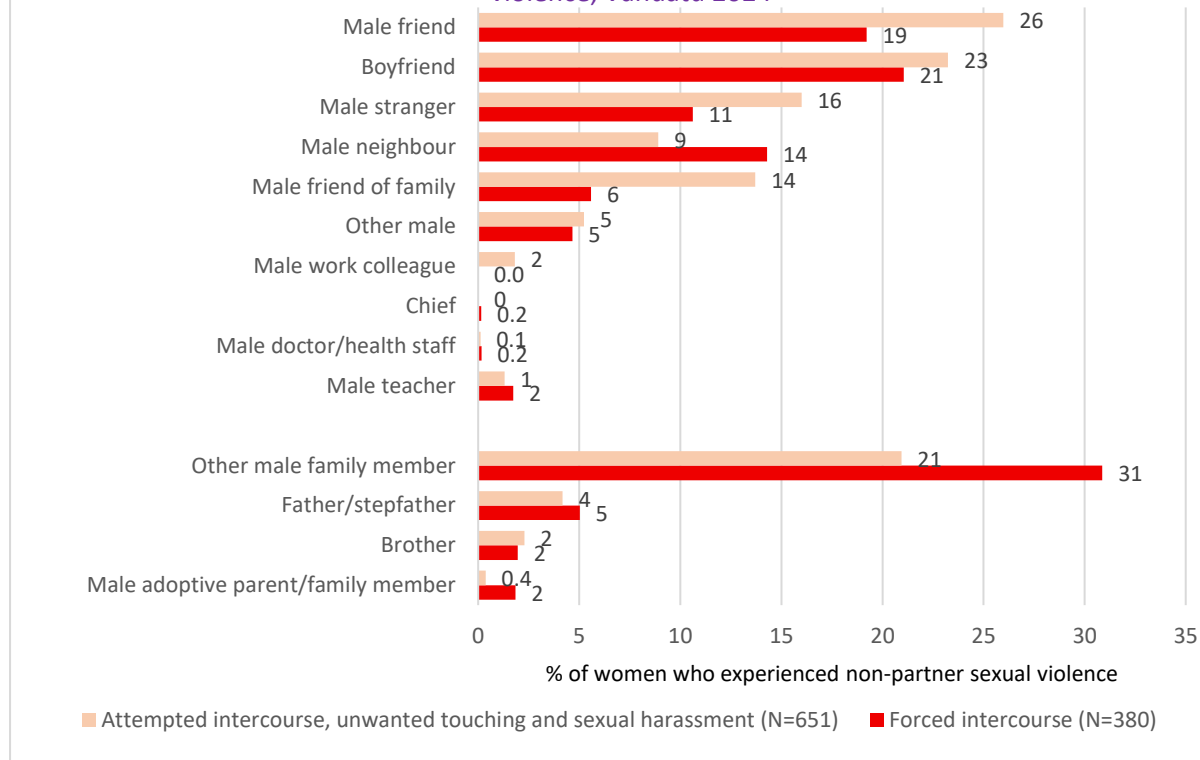
Source: Table 5.4a, Annex 2. Note: percentages total more than 100% because respondents could identify multiple perpetrators.

Among the 651 women who have either been subjected to attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching and/or sexual harassment, 28% were abused by male family members, and 75% by other men. There were 11 respondents (3%) who were sexually abused or harassed by other women, who were not members of their family (Figure 5.15).

While the majority of women said they had been **forced into sex by one perpetrator only (86%)**, the **remaining 14% (more than 1 in 10) said they had more than one perpetrator who raped them**. This includes both separate acts by different perpetrators at different times, as well as situations where the respondent was raped by more than one perpetrator at the same time (Table 5.4a in Annex 2).

A more detailed breakdown of both the family members and others who are responsible for this violence is useful to counter common myths in the community. As noted above, there are very few female perpetrators. Within the family, female perpetrators included sisters (n=3) and other unspecified female family members (n=2), amounting to 1% in total. Outside the family, there were 11 female perpetrators including: 1 teacher, 5 female friends (1.2%), 1 neighbour, 1 female who was a stranger to the respondent, and 2 other females whose relationship to the respondent was not specified. As noted above, this totals 3% of perpetrators.

Chart 5.16: Breakdown of male perpetrators of non-partner sexual violence since age 15 (lifetime) among all women aged 15-64 who experienced such violence, Vanuatu 2024



Source: Table 5.4a, Annex 2. Note: percentages total more than 100% because respondents could identify multiple perpetrators.

**For those women who have survived forced sex, the main perpetrators are men she knows, who she should be able to trust (Figure 5.16):**

- 31% (more than 3 in 10) were raped by “other” male family members, which includes all other men in the family apart from fathers, step-fathers, adoptive fathers or brothers, and brothers by birth.
- The next biggest group of perpetrators is boyfriends, who perpetrated 21% of these crimes (more than 2 in 10).<sup>15</sup>
- This is closely followed by men who the respondents described as friends, with 19% of perpetrators in this category (almost 2 in 10).
- Male neighbours are the next largest category of rape perpetrators at 14%, and male friends of the family make up 6%.
- Strangers are responsible for 11% of rapes (1 in 10).
- Other close family members make up the next largest category: 5% were raped by birth fathers or step-fathers, 2% by adoptive fathers or other male adoptive family members, and 2% by their brothers.
- Sadly, 2% (6 respondents) have been raped by male teachers, 1 by a Chief, and 1 by a male health worker or doctor.
- No respondents indicated that they had been raped by male work colleagues. The relationship of the rapist to the respondent was not specified in 5% of cases.

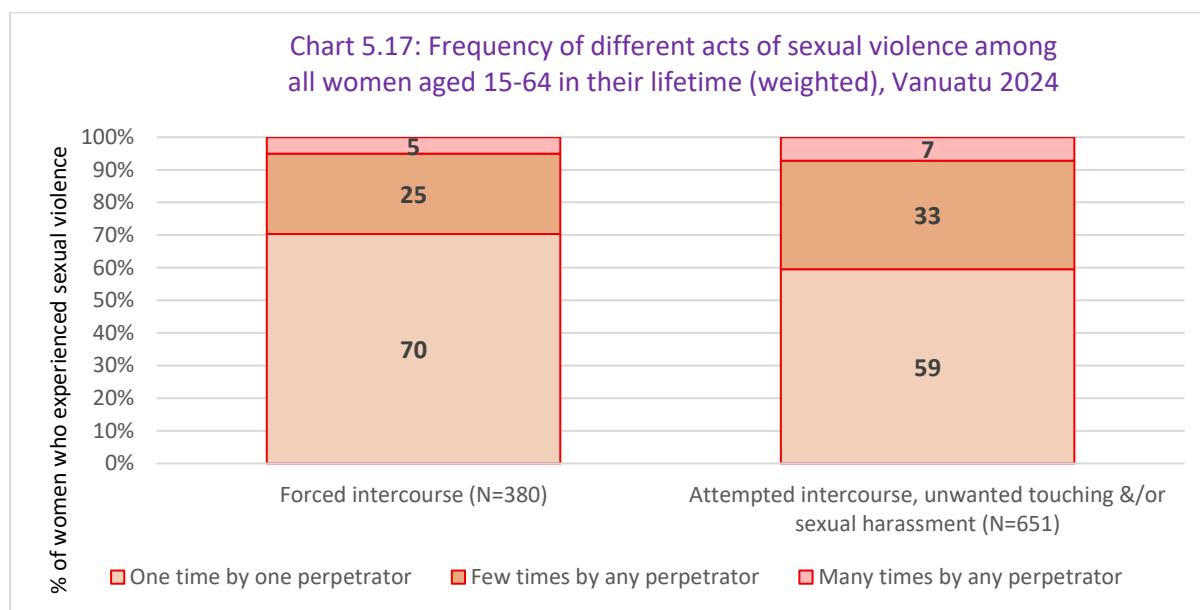
<sup>15</sup> This question asked specifically about abuse by people other than husbands or partners (question N06 in section 10). In contrast, prevalence rates reported in chapter 4 measure violence by husbands and partners: 7% of ever-partnered women indicated that they were in a regular sexual relationship with a male partner, while living apart (Table 3.2 of Annex 2).

The majority of perpetrators of attempted rape, unwanted touching and sexual harassment are also mainly men who are close to women (Figure 5.16):

- The largest groups of perpetrators are male friends (26%), boyfriends (23%) and other male family members (21%).
- Sixteen percent of women indicated that male strangers were the perpetrators, closely followed by male friends of the family (14%) and male neighbours (14%).
- Fathers and step-fathers (4%), brothers (2%) and adoptive fathers and family members (2%) are also perpetrators.
- Male work colleagues make up 2% of the perpetrators, followed by teachers (1%), and there was one case of a male health workers or doctor (0.2%). The relationship of the male perpetrator to the respondent was not specified for 5% of respondents (recorded as “other” without further details provided).

### How frequently have women been sexually abused, and where does this abuse happen?

For the majority of women who have been raped by someone other than their husband or intimate partner, it has only happened once (70% or 7 in 10). The data confronts us with the fact that for 25% (1 in every 4 women who have been raped), it has happened a few times, and for 5% (1 in 20) it has happened many times. The figures are no less disturbing for those women who have experienced attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching and sexual harassment: 59% have experienced one of these acts once only (almost 6 in 10), but 33% (over 3 in 10) have experienced it a few times, and 7% (almost 1 in 10) have experienced it many times (Figure 5.17).

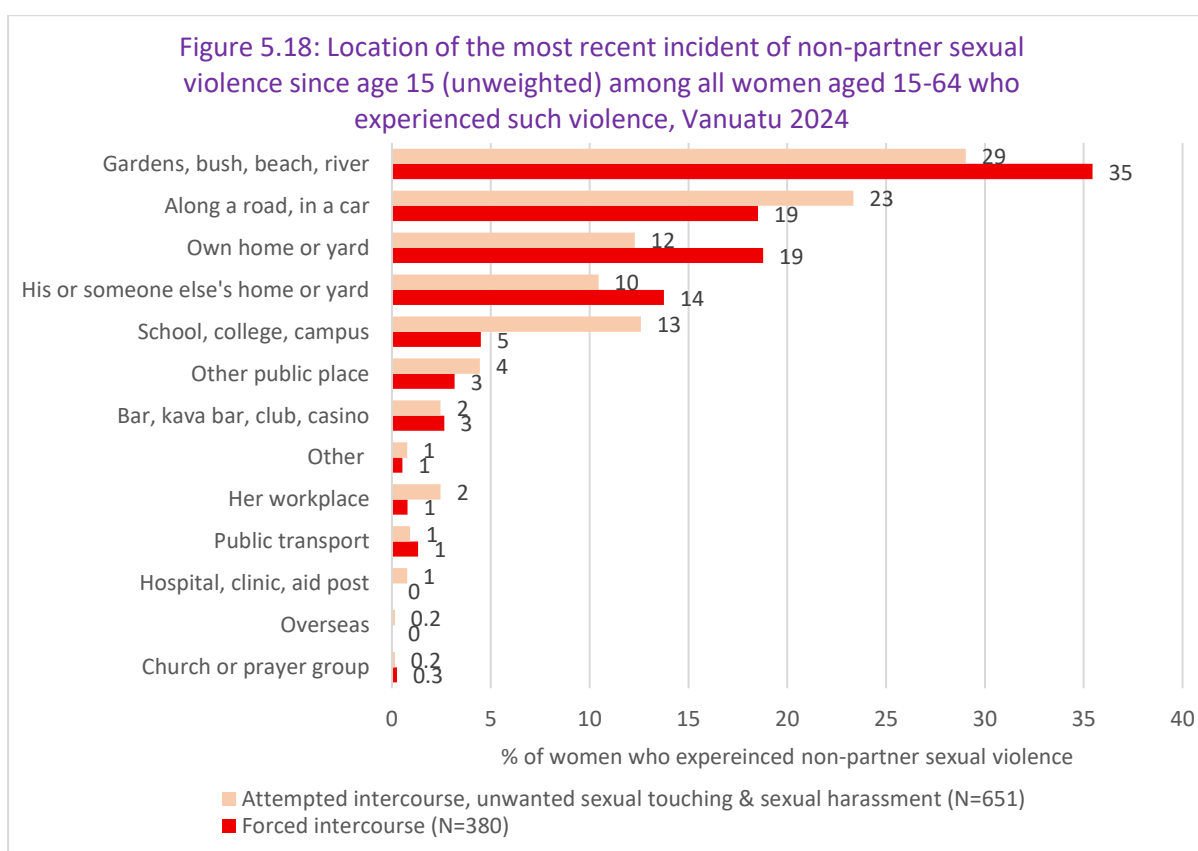


Source: Table 5.4a, Annex 2.

Women were asked where the most recent act of forced sex or other sexual abuse and harassment occurred. A variety of places were mentioned, with similar patterns applying to the location for rape, and the other forms of sexual abuse (note that these percentages are unweighted):

- 36% of women were raped in public places such as in gardens, the bush, the beach or a river, and 29% experienced the other forms of sexual abuse in these places.
- Along a road, or in a car was mentioned as the location for rape by 19% of survivors, and 23% of sexual harassment and attempted rape and touching also occurred in these locations.

- **19% of rapes took place in the respondent's own home or yard**, and 12% of the other forms of sexual abuse. This is consistent with the data on perpetrators, and the percentage who are from her own close family and friendship or social group.
- 14% of rapes occurred in the perpetrators home or yard, or someone else's yard, along with 10% of other forms of abuse. This is also consistent with the majority of perpetrators being known to the victim/survivor and a person that one would reasonably think she could trust to treat her with respect.
- Schools, colleges or campuses were the site of 5% of rapes, and 13% of other types of abuse.
- Contrary to prevalent myths about who gets raped and where, only 3% of rapes occurred in a bar, kava bar, club or casino, and 3% in other public places that were not specified.
- The remainder of both rapes and other forms of sexual abuses occurred in her workplace (1% of rapes and 2% of other forms of abuse), on public transport (1%), with a few occurring at health centres or prayer groups. Only 0.2% of women reported being sexually abused while overseas.



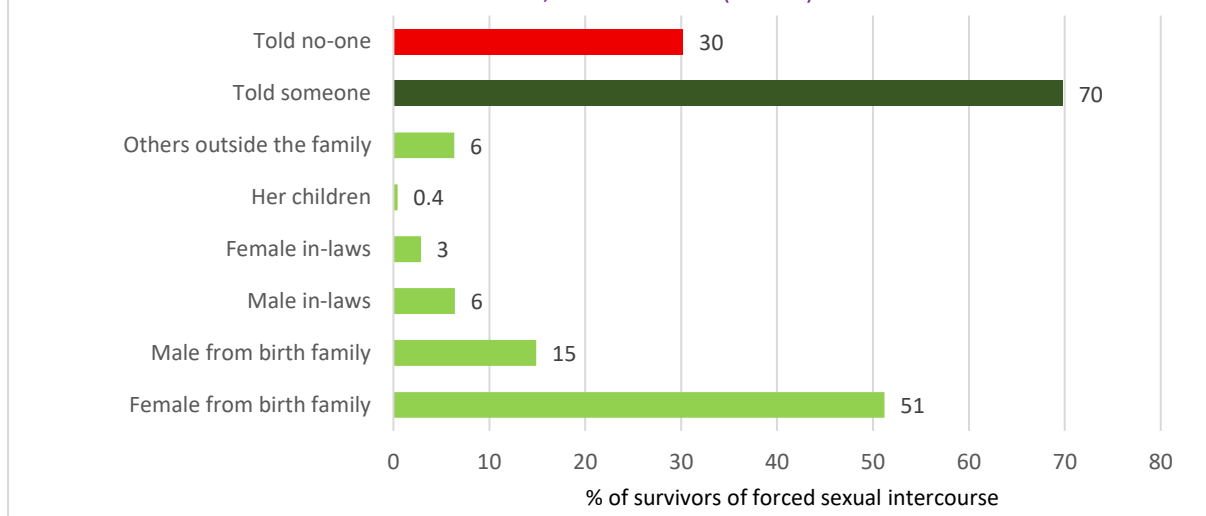
Source: Table 5.4b, Annex 2.

### Do women tell others about the forced sex they have suffered? What happens when they tell someone, and how many try to get help from agencies or persons in authority?

Most women who have been raped (70%) tell someone about it, but 30% (3 in 10) do not tell anyone (Figure 5.19):

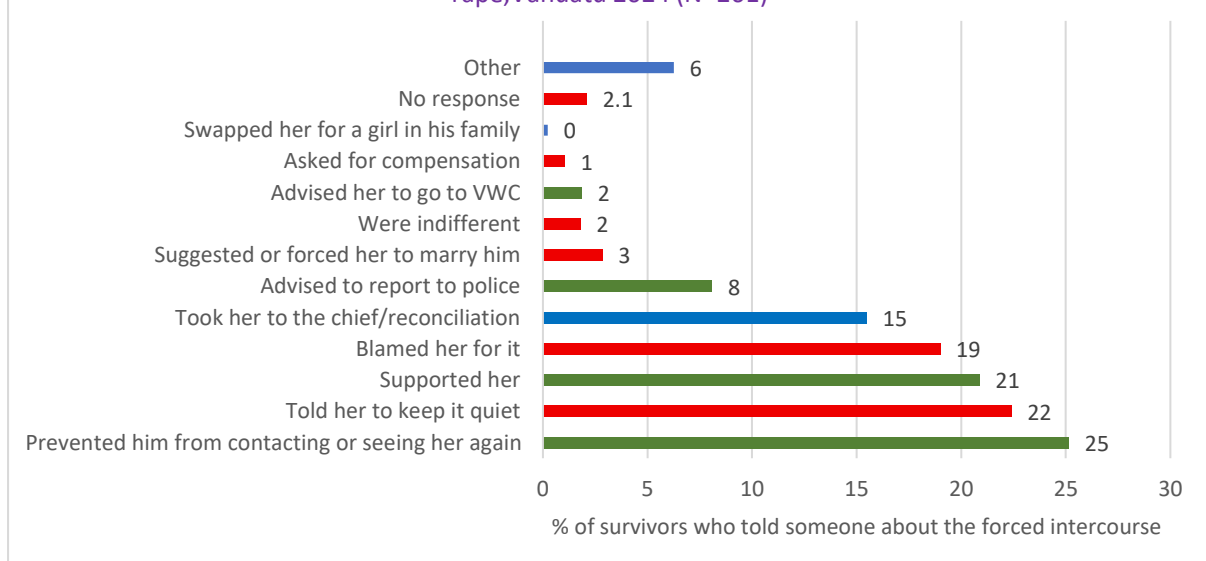
- More than half of the victims/survivors told a female from their birth family (51%).
- 15% told a male from their birth family.
- Only 6% told their male in-laws, and even fewer (3%) told their female in-laws or their own children (less than 1%).
- 6% told someone from outside the family.

Figure 5.19: Weighted percentage of women who told someone about forced intercourse, Vanuatu 2024 (N=380)



Source: Table 5.4d, Annex 2. Note: More than one person could be told, therefore the total for people told is more than 70%.

Chart 5.20: Weighted percentage of responses from people she told about the rape, Vanuatu 2024 (N=261)



Source: Table 5.4e, Annex 2. More than one response could be given, therefore the total is more than 100%. Note: red bars indicate an unsupportive response, green bars indicate a supportive response, and blue could be either supportive or unsupportive.

Overall, about half of the responses (56%) were supportive and indicated a concern for the survivor's welfare or rights. The most common response was for the person she told to prevent the perpetrator contacting her or seeing her again, and this happened in 25% of cases. Other positive responses included: supporting her (21%), advising her to go to the police to report it (8%), or advising her to go VWC or one of its branches or CAVAWs for help (2%) (Figure 5.20).

Unfortunately, there were more potentially harmful responses than positive or supportive ones, with 63% likely to cause further trauma, as well as undermining women's rights to access justice and safety (Figure 5.20). These included: telling her to keep quiet about it (22%), blaming her for the fact that she was raped (19%), taking her to the Chief for custom reconciliation (15%), suggesting that she marry the rapist or forcing her to marry him (3%), being indifferent to the fact that she was raped (2%), asking for compensation (1%), or swapping her for a girl in his family (less than 1%, with only one case reported).

Unfortunately, there was a higher percentage of unsupportive and damaging responses in rural areas compared with urban areas. In rural areas, women were more likely to have the following responses (Table 5.4e in Annex 2):

- blamed for the rape (20% in rural areas compared with 11% in urban areas);
- told to keep quiet (23% in rural areas compared with 18% in urban areas); and
- taken to the chief for reconciliation (17% in rural areas compared with 2% in urban areas).

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***"The custom is to believe that men have this right (to sex), even non-partners."***

*"We had a recent case at Malampa Counselling Centre that is common in many parts of the country, not just in our province. A girl was sexually abused by her uncle, her mum's brother. She and her mum were banished from the village by the wife of the abuser. They blamed the girl, even though she was under 18. They went to stay with another family member of the mum's birth family."*

*"When women see how these things are dealt with by Chiefs, they will not speak out, particularly in very remote communities, such as in Torba."*

*"For example, we had a case of a married woman who was raped. The Chief reconciled the case, with a fine paid to the wife's husband. This is not uncommon."*

*"The community believes in these cultural practices, so they reconcile if this type of abuse happens."*

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 24/3/2025)*

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No women in urban areas were swapped with someone in the rapist's family for marriage, advised or forced to marry the rapist, or had their relatives ask for compensation. Although the numbers who said this happened after their most recent rape were low, even in rural areas, 3%, 0.3% and 1% respectively of survivors received these responses from the people they told about the rape (Table 5.4e in Annex 2).

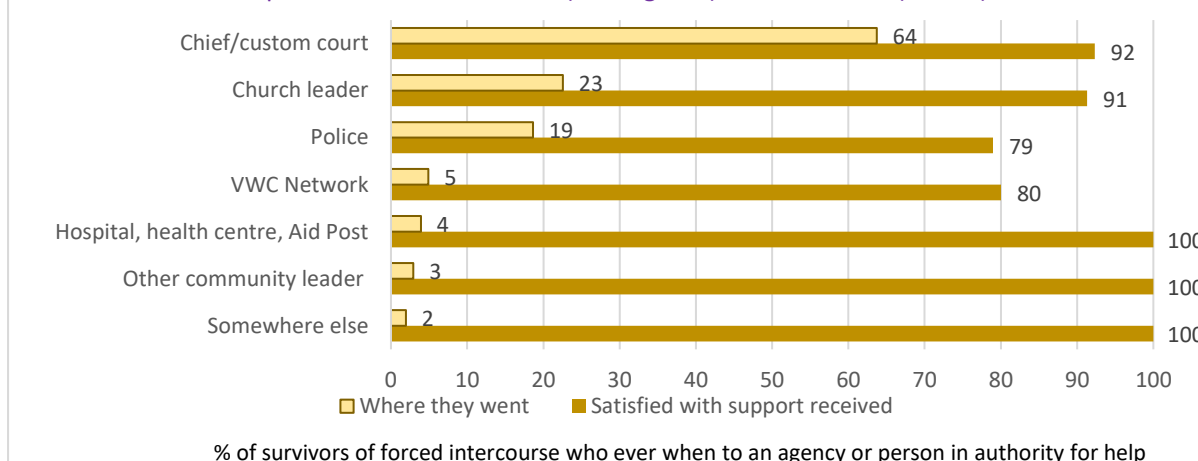
In contrast, survivors in urban areas were more likely to be prevented from seeing or contacting the perpetrator again (32% compared with 24% in rural areas), and more likely to be advised to report the rape to the police or go to VWC. Nevertheless, survivors were less likely in urban than in rural areas to be given support by those they told: 14% in urban areas compared with 22% received support in rural areas (Table 5.4e in Annex 2).

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| <p>While the vast majority of survivors do tell someone about the rape, only a minority ever go to an agency or person in authority to get help: 27% of survivors have ever gone anywhere for help or access to justice, and 73% have not (Table 5.4f in Annex 2).</p> |
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Among the 102 women who did go somewhere to get help or justice, most (64%) went to a Chief, 23% to a church leader, 19% to police, 5% to VWC Network (which includes the centre in Port Vila, one of the branches or CAVAWs), 4% to a health centre, 3% to another community leader, and 2% went somewhere else (not specified, see Table 5.4f and Figure 5.21). No women said that they had gone to help to an authorised person under the Family Protection Act (FPA). This is not surprising given the small number of authorised persons and the fact that they are only located in limited areas of Santo and Malekula.



Figure 5.21: Percentage of women who ever went to an agency or authority for help after forced intercourse (unweighted), Vanuatu 2024 (N=102)



Source: Table 5.4f, Annex 2. More than one response could be given for where they went for help, therefore the total is more than 100%.

***“We know rape is going on in the community, but only a few go anywhere for help, and very few come to us. Why? Because no-one helps them to come to us.”***

*“We had a woman come to us recently, who had been raped. She knew about our service, but she had very little money to be able to travel to the Penama Counselling Centre, and once a woman has been to the Chief, it is much harder to go outside the customary ways.”*

*“Why do women go to Chiefs? Because they don’t want to spoil their family. They think of their relationships, they don’t know if they will still be accepted as part of the community, how other women will treat them, and how their family will treat them. If they go to the Police or VWC, even though our service is confidential, eventually everyone on the island will know about it.”*

*“A Chief recently refused SCC to go to his village to do a community awareness session. A few weeks later, there was an incest case that we heard about. The perpetrator was the Chief’s son. People were wailing in the village, everyone knew about it, and the Police came.”*

*“If she is already married, she will be thinking of the impact on her husband.”*

*“For young unmarried women, the same principles apply. They do not want to tarnish the status of the whole family.”*

*“During the research, two rapes were reported to us in Torba after we had finished interviewing. One was a disabled woman who cannot speak, except with her hands, and the other was a child. The disabled woman was ashamed. The perpetrator had cut her vagina to be able to rape her. She couldn’t walk. It was the Chief who took us to her. Without the research team being in the village, she would not have received any help, because it is a very remote place.”*

***“We have 3 cases at our branch lying on the police table right now, all are non-partner sexual violence. The police have not done anything about them yet. Even when the police are quicker to follow up and take action, offenders are often released on parole, particularly if a customary reconciliation has taken place. When they are released, we know that some re-offend.”***

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 21/3/2025)*

Most women were satisfied with the support that they received, although a few were not. It is important to be cautious when interpreting the levels of satisfaction, given that less than 5 women sought help from either the VWC Network, health centres, or other community leaders, and one dissatisfied woman reduces the level of satisfaction substantially. Data for Chiefs and custom court,

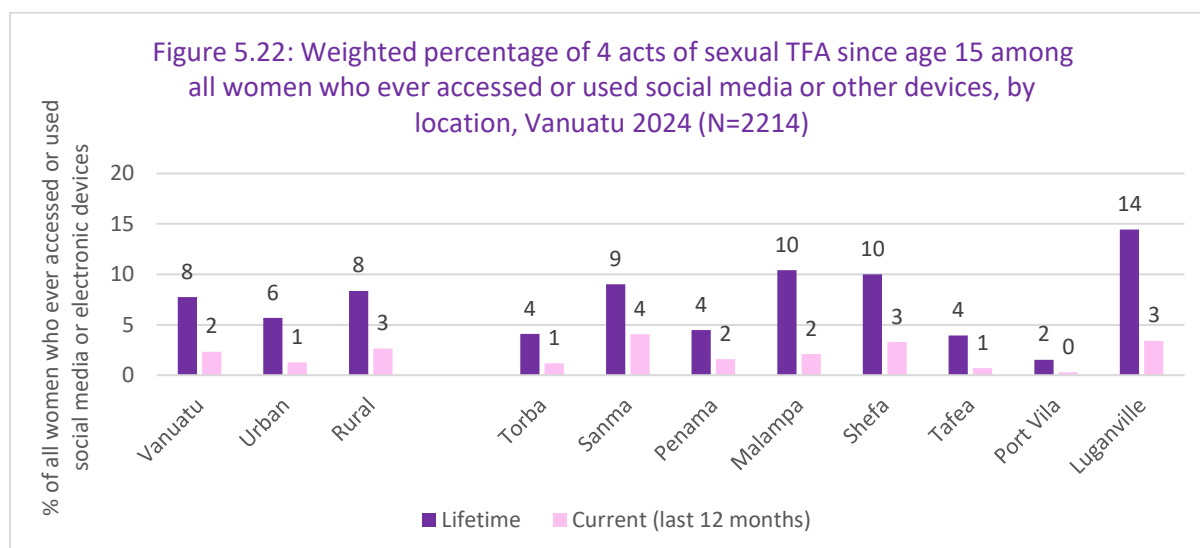
church leaders and police are more robust, with between 16 and 60 women seeking help from those authorities. Nevertheless, all agencies need to heed these findings.

### 5.2.1 How many women are subjected to technology facilitated sexual abuse?

Only four questions were asked on this topic, due to the need to limit the length of the questionnaire and focus on acts that VWC knew were happening in the community. For each question, it was emphasised that we were asking about something that the respondent did not want to happen, and that was not consensual. Respondents were questioned on whether any man (not a current or former husband or partner) had ever done the following since she turned 15:

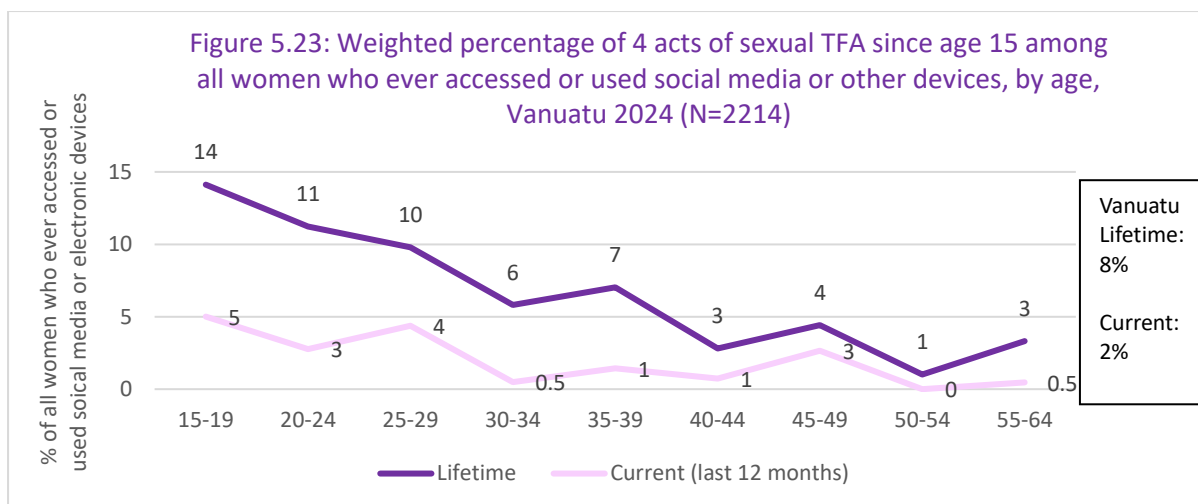
- asked her to perform sexual acts over the phone or on any other device,
- sent her messages or images or made her watch something of a sexual nature,
- asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature, or
- threatened to share private or sexual images on any social media site, or actually did share them without her permission.

Overall, 8% of women said they had experienced at least one or more of these non-consensual acts in their lifetime, and 2% said it had happened in the last 12 months. Once again, although urban rates (6% in the lifetime) are lower than rural rates (8%), the prevalence of these acts in Luganville confounds these comparisons, with 14% of women saying they have experienced this abuse in their lifetime, compared to the national rate of 8%. Current rates are not significantly different by location, despite the variation in lifetime experience between provinces, where Luganville, Malampa, Sanma and Shefa have prevalence rates higher than the national average. With 10% lifetime prevalence in Shefa, this is also contrary to all other patterns observed in both partner and non-partner violence (Figure 5.22).



Source: Table 5.4g, Annex 2. Note: TFA – technology facilitated abuse. Table 5.4g also shows prevalence rates among all women, which also includes those who have never used or had access to electronic devices or social media. Figure 5.22 shows prevalence among those who have ever used or accessed devices or social media.

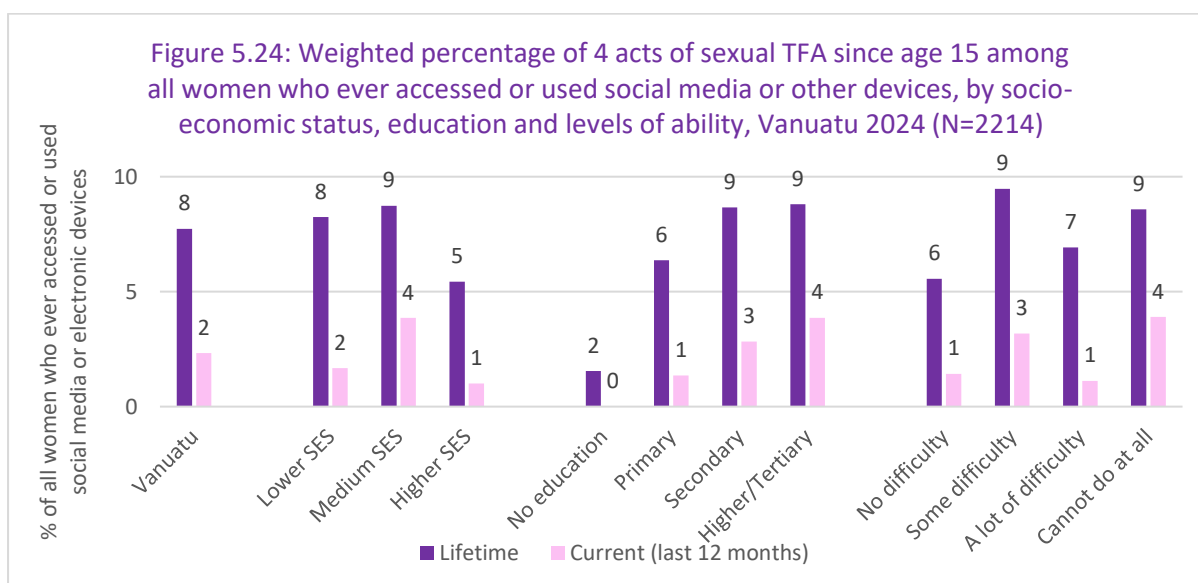
One pattern that remains consistent is the likelihood that young women, particularly those under 29, are more likely to experience these forms of abuse at a higher rate than other age groups (Figure 5.23). This is especially so for 15-17 year olds, whose prevalence for this abuse was 10% in the last 12 months, compared to 2% nationally.



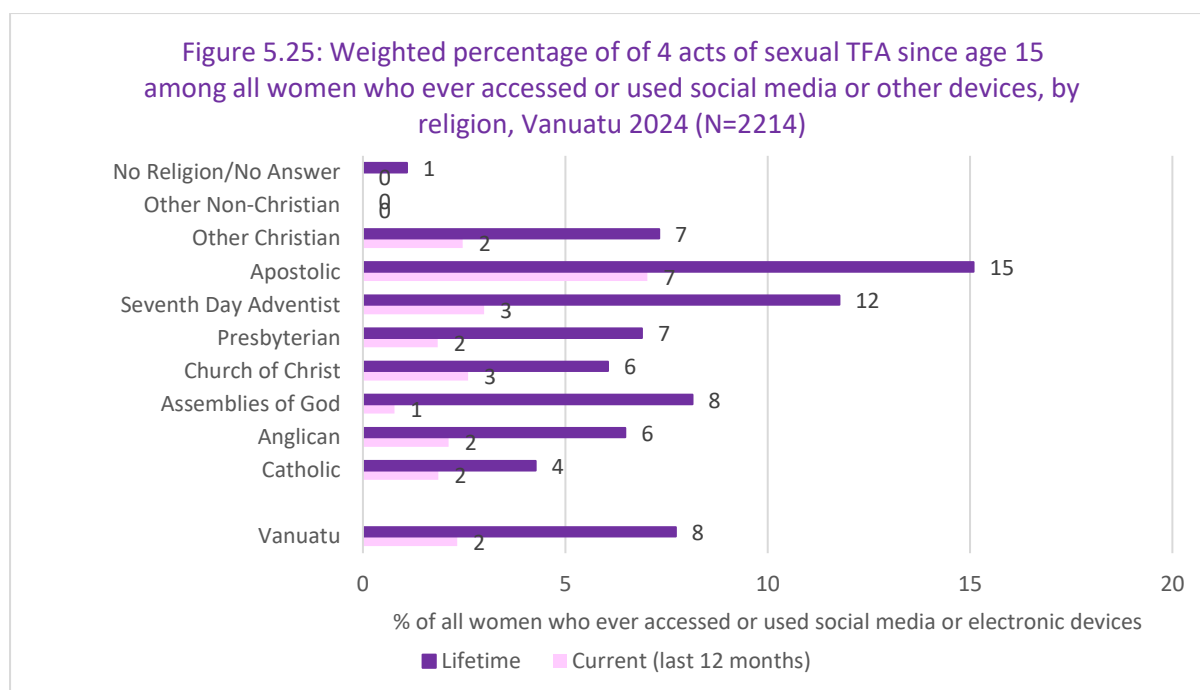
Source: Table 5.4g, Annex 2. Note: TFA – technology facilitated abuse.

Other characteristics in women's backgrounds show clearer trends in women's likelihood of experiencing technology facilitated sexual abuse, although they are not consistent. For example, as the level of education increases, so too does the prevalence rate, both over the lifetime and in the last 12 months (Figure 5.24):

- Prevalence is higher for those with more education, with 2% lifetime prevalence among women with no education, 6% for those with primary education and 9% for those with secondary or tertiary. The same pattern is seen for current prevalence, where women with tertiary education are experiencing the highest levels of current abuse, at 4%, compared with the national average of 2%.
- Socio-economic status is not a clear predictor, with the highest lifetime and current prevalence (9% and 4% respectively) among women of medium status. However, women with the highest status have the lowest levels of this abuse, at 1% in the last 12 months.
- Women with the most severe functional disabilities (cannot do at least one function at all) have the highest rate of current prevalence at 4%.



Source: Table 5.4g, Annex 2. Note: TFA – technology facilitated abuse; SES – socio-economic status.



Source: Table 5.4g, Annex 2. Note: TFA – technology facilitated abuse.

As with other forms of partner and non-partner violence, women from all Christian denominations have experienced technology facilitated sexual abuse in their lifetimes, and in the last 12 months. While women with no religion and who are of non-Christian backgrounds have zero prevalence, these figures need to be interpreted cautiously given the smaller numbers of respondents from these groups (Figure 5.25).

Over the lifetime, the most prevalent act of technology facilitated sexual abuse was sending messages or images of a sexual nature that made the respondent feel uncomfortable: 5% of women have received these in their lifetime, followed by asking her to send similar messages or images (5%). Three percent of women have been asked to perform sexual acts over the phone, and 1% have received threats to share sexual or private images (Table 5.4h).

Overall, among the 143 women who experienced sexual technology facilitated abuse in the lifetime, 55% had been exposed to only one of these acts since they were 15, 39% (almost 4 in 10) experienced them a few times, and 7% have been subjected to this many times (Table 5.4h).

### **Limitations of the findings on sexual harassment and technology facilitated sexual abuse: are we capturing the full amount of these types of violence by non-partners?**

#### **Limitations of the findings on technology facilitated sexual abuse**

It needs to be emphasised that the term “technology facilitated sexual violence” is a subset of a much broader range technology-facilitated abuses. The Australian eSafety Commissioner defines technology-facilitated sexual violence as follows (2023: ix):

*“a range of behaviours where digital technologies are used to facilitate both virtual and face-to-face sexually based harms. Technology-facilitated sexual violence includes online sexual harassment, cyberstalking, image-based abuse and technology-facilitated sexual assault.”*

In the Vanuatu survey, the focus has been on measuring image-based abuse and coercion, and on-line sexual harassment. It does not cover other acts that may be present in the Vanuatu community, such as harassment and threats on-line that may not be specifically sexual in nature (such as trolling, where there is a deliberate attempt to upset the targeted person online), the use of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) to alter images on-line, or on-line doxing – *“the intentional online exposure of an individual’s identity, private information or personal details without their consent with the intent of causing harm, in order to publicly undermine the person’s privacy, security, safety and/or reputation”* (eSafety Commissioner 2022: 1).

For all the reasons above, the findings in this report should be seen as an exploratory step towards understanding the nature and extent of non-partner technology facilitated sexual abuse, and should be seen as minimum estimates of the scale of this abuse. During the interpretation workshop in March 2025, VWC staff strongly expressed this opinion. However, this was not based on their counselling experience, since there are still very few women who seek help from the centre for these types of non-partner abuses. Rather, they base this view on their knowledge of their communities, and from their own on-line presence, both as individuals and at the organisational level.

The case studies that VWC shared during the interpretation workshop highlighted several key points. The unanimous view of VWC staff was that technology facilitated sexual abuse has already become normalised, particularly among young women, and that there is still very little community understanding of the potential harms that this abuse may cause.

The pace of change in this area is rapid, with several examples cited of the sharing of naked pictures on-line, including pictures of women that have been altered to show her naked using generative AI applications.

It was asserted that because the survey questions focused only on acts that the respondent did not want, the prevalence of this type of behaviour is under-reported,

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Maria is in her twenties and an older man she did not know had sent some messages to her, acting as though he was her boyfriend. His wife saw the messages and confronted him. He told his wife that Maria was his mistress. This resulted in the wife harassing Maria, and causing her considerable distress. She decided to report the matter to the police, who gave him a warning. (Private communication, 14/3/2024)

*“A relative received a nude picture, and she texted the sender back with a laughing icon. I advised her to block him. She did not see this as abuse.”*

*“Sometimes women are sending nude pictures of both women and men. There are chat groups where pornography is shared within the group, including images and videos. But the issue is that there are people of many different ages in some of these chat groups. There are more images of naked women than men.”*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 20/3/2025)

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***“VWC and individual staff are getting targeted for online and phone abuse a lot now.”***

*“I had a man call every night at midnight for a while.” (Malmpa staff member)*

*“We had a man who repeatedly rang the centre, and made strange breathing noises. It was a form of sexual violence for us.” (Sanma staff member)*

*“I was out of town for a mobile counselling visit, staying overnight in the community. I got a call at about 10pm. A man I didn’t know told me he loved me, and that he was waiting just up the road.” (Tafea staff member)*

*“We get a lot of random calls and random photos, including on Messenger. We just have to block them.” (VWC staff member)*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 20/3/2025)

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since many young women, particularly those with higher education, tend to laugh off this type of incident.

It is also clear that some VWC staff have experienced on-line abuse of a serious nature, including trolling and sexual harassment using phone calls, due to their positions as staff members of VWC.

### **Limitations of the findings on sexual harassment**

VWC staff also believe that the findings on sexual harassment may be under-reported, due to the normalisation of this behaviour in the community. Although VWC has had cases of sexual harassment in its caseload, this has been very small compared with the number of women who have sought help with either intimate partner violence, or other types of non-partner violence. This view is supported to some extent by a 2022 survey conducted in Vanuatu by the local women's organisation, Sista, in collaboration with the Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM).

The 2022 survey by Sista had 62 participants: 16 using a *Bislama* google survey, 20 using an English google survey, and 26 face to face interviews. In order to qualify for the survey, all respondents had to be currently working in paid employment, on a full time, part time or casual basis. The survey was confined to Port Vila and surrounding areas within Efate, and questionnaires were distributed by the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce through its social media networks and newsletter. The age of respondents was reported as 16 to 40+. This survey found that 66% of women had experienced sexual harassment in their workplaces, and that 79% of incidents were not reported to any authorities. It also found that less than half of the participants had any knowledge of the types of sexual harassment explored in the survey (Sista and FWRM 2022: 6-7, 15, 17).

The different methodologies used (random sampling in the VWC survey compared with participants self-selecting to take part on-line in the Sista survey), including the number of respondents (2762 in the VWC survey compared with 62 in the 2022 Sista survey) explain the huge difference in findings. However, both surveys find that young women are the most highly targeted group for abuse, and together they point to the need for further community education and research in this area.

## **5.3 First sexual experiences and forced sex**

### **What happens to women during their first sexual experience – are they moments of fear and coercion, or are they moments of choice and autonomy?**

Of the 2762 women who completed this section of the survey, 13% said they had not yet had sexual intercourse. Of the 2588 who have had sexual intercourse, 5% said they were under 15 when this first happened, and 33% were aged between 15 and 17, with the remainder 18 or over. Among the 15-17 year olds who participated in the survey, 46% said that their first sexual experience was under 15, compared with 8% of those aged 18 to 19 (Tables 5.8a and 5.8b of Annex 2).

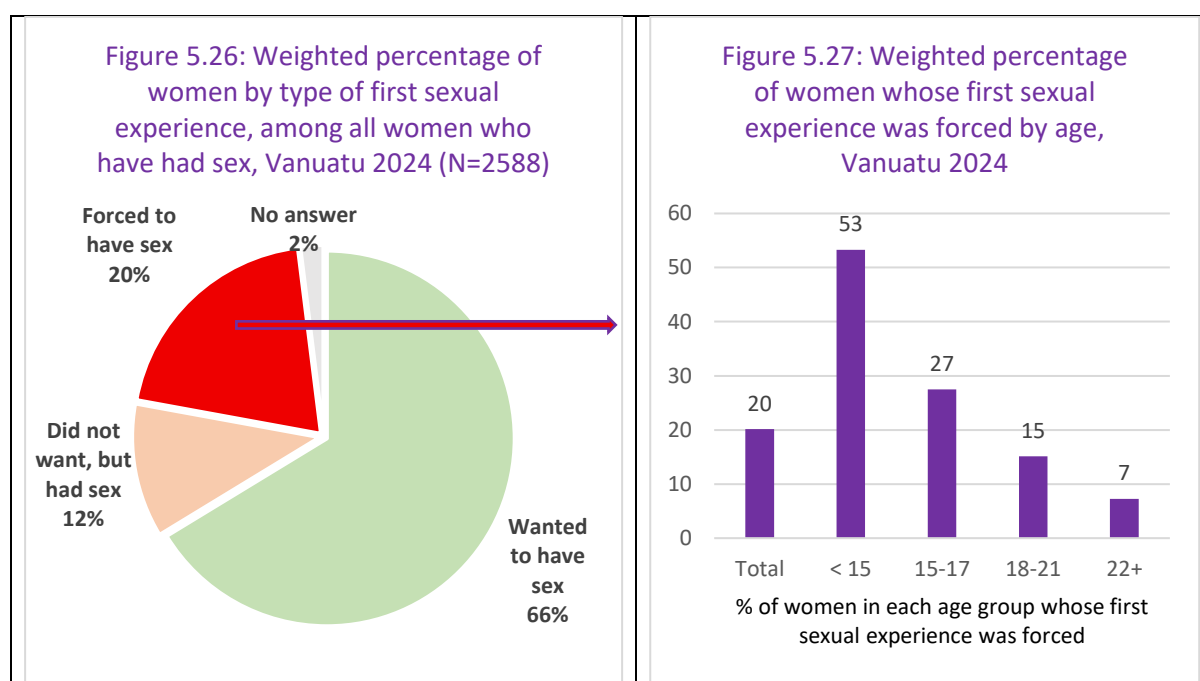
Women who have had sexual intercourse were asked about the nature of their first sexual experience. Overall, 66% said that they wanted to have sex the first time, 12% said they did not want to, but they had sex anyway, and 20% said that their first sexual experience was forced. About 2% either did not answer, or said they didn't remember or didn't know (Figure 5.26).

In other words, 2 in every 10 women in Vanuatu are raped during their first sexual experience. If we add those forced to have sex with those who didn't want to but had sex anyway, the figures are stark: 32% were either forced or coerced during their first sexual experience, which is more than 3 in 10 women in the country.



Location, age and the level of ability/disability are key factors in whether or not women's first sexual experience is forced (Figure 5.27 and Tables 5.9a and 5.9b in Annex 2):

- Urban women were much less likely to have their first sexual experience be forced, with 10% (1 in 10) having been forced, and 9% (almost 1 in 10) coerced. This compares with 23% (more than 2 in 10) whose first sexual experience was rape in rural areas, and a further 12% (more than 1 in 10) coerced.
- Women living in Port Vila were much less likely to be raped than others, with 8% whose first sexual experience was forced compared with 14% in Luganville, 19% in Malampa and 20% in Shefa. The highest prevalence of forced first sex were in Tafea (where rape is the first sexual experience for 30% of women), Sanma and Penama (25%), and Torba (22%).
- Young girls under 15 are much more likely to be raped as their first sexual experience (Figure 5.27).
- 39% of the women living with the highest levels of functional disability (with at least one function that they cannot do at all) were raped as their first experience of sex, compared with 20% for the total population of women as a whole.



Sources: Tables 5.9a and 5.9b, Annex 2.

Women with higher socio-economic status and those with tertiary education were less likely to be raped as their first experience of sex, with 8% and 3% respectively experiencing this compared with 20% for the country as a whole. However, they were just as likely as other women of lower status and education to be coerced during their first sexual experience. There are no significant differences between religions: women from all religions and denominations have been subjected to rape and coercion as their first sexual experience, with most religions hovering around the national rates of 20% for rape and 12% for coercion during first sex (Table 5.9a).

## 5.4 Physical and emotional abuse in childhood before age 15

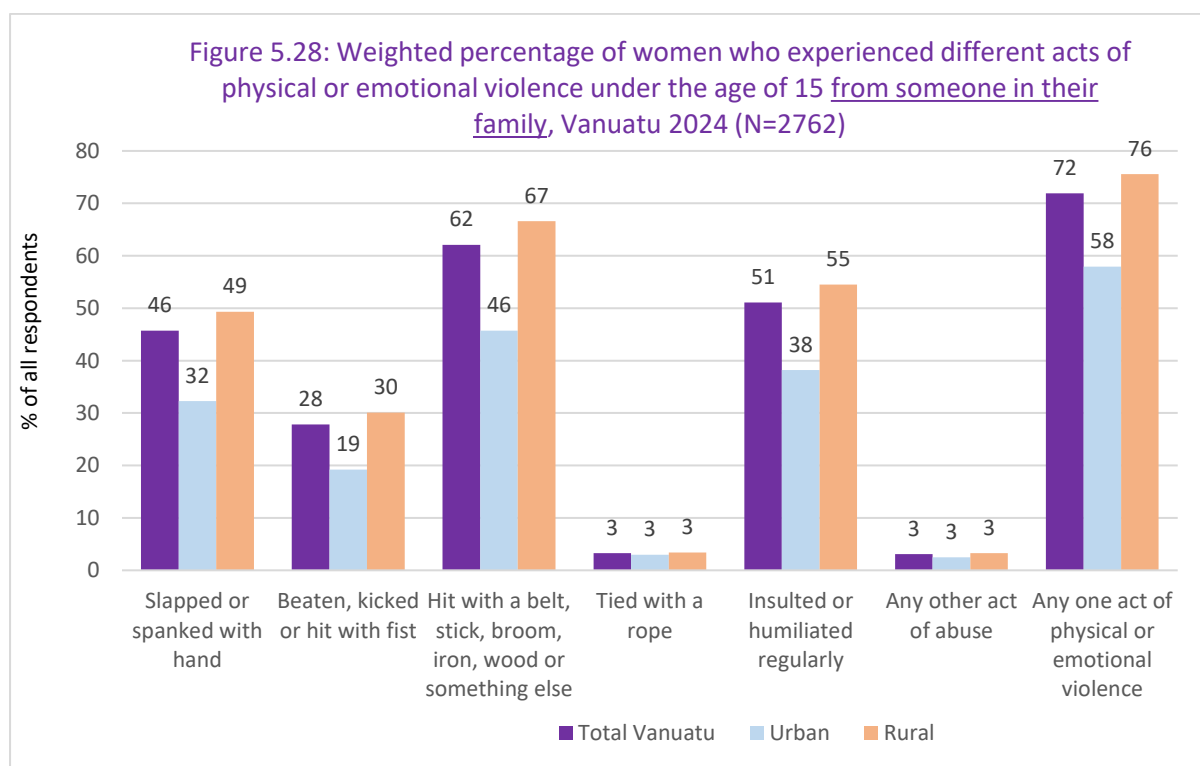
### How many women were physically or emotionally abused as children under the age of 15, by members of their families?

The questionnaire asked women about 4 acts of physical abuse when they were children under 15, including: slapping or spanking with a hand; beating or hitting with a fist, or being kicked; being hit

with an object such as a belt, stick, broom, iron, wood or something else; and being tied with a rope. To assess emotional abuse, one question was asked, on whether she had been insulted or humiliated regularly. Respondents were also asked whether they had ever experienced any other type of abuse of this nature.

Overall, 72% of women said that they had been either physically or emotionally abused by a member of their family when they were aged under 15 years (more than 7 in 10, Figure 5.28).

- The most prevalent act is being hit with a belt, stick, iron, wood, or some other object: 62% of girl children (more than 6 in 10) have been subjected to this physical abuse. This provides a stark insight into the normalisation of violence as a form of discipline.
- More than half of all women interviewed (51%) were insulted or humiliated regularly during childhood.



Source: Table 5.2b, Annex 2.

### ***“Violence is learned behaviour.”***

*“Violence is normalised within the family, it is a part of growing up, and we teach our children this.”*

*“All these things are common forms of discipline that we see in the community. These finding are not surprising.”*

*“It is sometimes said that the last-born child is strong-headed – so you have to discipline them.”*

*“If a child cries, we beat them up, and we tell them to stop. We keep hitting them, and we expect them to stop crying.”*

*“If a girl is humiliated and she cries, we don’t say ‘it’s OK to cry’. We say STOP. We mock them, and we don’t explain why what they did is wrong. And we don’t apologise, except on Children’s Day.”*

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 24/3/2025)*

Most forms of physical and emotional abuse are more prevalent in rural areas (Figure 5.28).

- 67% of children (more than 2 in 3) have been hit with an object in rural areas, compared with 46% (almost half) in urban areas, and 62% nationally (more than 6 in 10).
- Almost half of all women were spanked or slapped as children (46%), with 32% (more than 3 in 10) experiencing this in urban areas compared with 49% in rural areas.
- Almost 1 in 3 (28%) have been beaten, kicked or hit with a fist, with the rural prevalence again higher at 30% (3 in 10) compared with 19% in urban areas (2 in 10).
- Three percent of women had been tied up with a rope at some stage in their childhood.

Emotional abuse is also more prevalent in rural areas (Figure 5.28): for women living in rural areas, the prevalence is 55%, compared with 38% in urban areas. Three percent of women mentioned “other acts of abuse”. VWC’s grass-roots work in the community and their counselling of children indicates that this is frequently withholding food as a form of punishment.

## 5.5 Sexual abuse in childhood before age 15

### How was the prevalence of child sexual abuse measured?

Two methods were used in the survey to ensure that accurate data was obtained on child sexual abuse (see the survey questionnaire attached at Annex 1). First, a question was asked (question N06 in section 10 of the questionnaire) about whether anyone ever touched the respondent sexually against her will, or made her do something sexual that she did not want to do, before she turned 15 years old. The following prompts were included in this question: touching of breasts or private parts, making sexual remarks or showing sexually explicit pictures against her will, showing her their private parts, making her show them her private parts, actually having sex with the respondent, or trying to have sex with her. Respondents were asked whether any of these things were done by anyone in her family, or anyone else outside the family.

If respondents answered yes to having experienced any of these things, a series of follow-up questions was then asked. These included whether the perpetrator(s) were male or female, how they were known to or related to the respondent<sup>16</sup>, the age of the respondent when the abuse first happened, and the estimated age of the perpetrator, and whether penetration had occurred (by a penis or something else, into the vagina, anus or mouth).

The second method used was at the very end of the questionnaire, when respondents were provided with an opportunity to provide an anonymous response using an image showing both a happy face and a sad face (see chapter 2). The question was repeated exactly as in section 10 of the questionnaire, but respondents were aware that in this instance, the interviewer would not know their answer. They were asked to select the image of the happy face if no sexually abusive act had occurred, and to select the sad face if any of the sexually abusive acts had occurred.

Child sexual abuse is a very difficult topic to explore in any society, due to its highly sensitive nature, and the shame, trauma, self-blame and the potential long-term mental health impacts associated with this abuse. All these factors result in significant under-reporting of the issue. It is worth noting that it is not possible to interview children directly in a survey such as this, for ethical and safety reasons, and because different methodologies are needed (Jansen 2018:22). When developing and trialling the methodology for this survey, the World Health Organisation (WHO) found that combining the two methods for asking about this issue ensures the most reliable and complete estimate of the prevalence of childhood sexual abuse. Over the decades since the WHO undertook the first multi-

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<sup>16</sup> Open-ended prompts were used, such as “Who did this to you? Anyone else?”. Respondents were not asked to disclose the names of perpetrators (see question N07 in Annex 1).

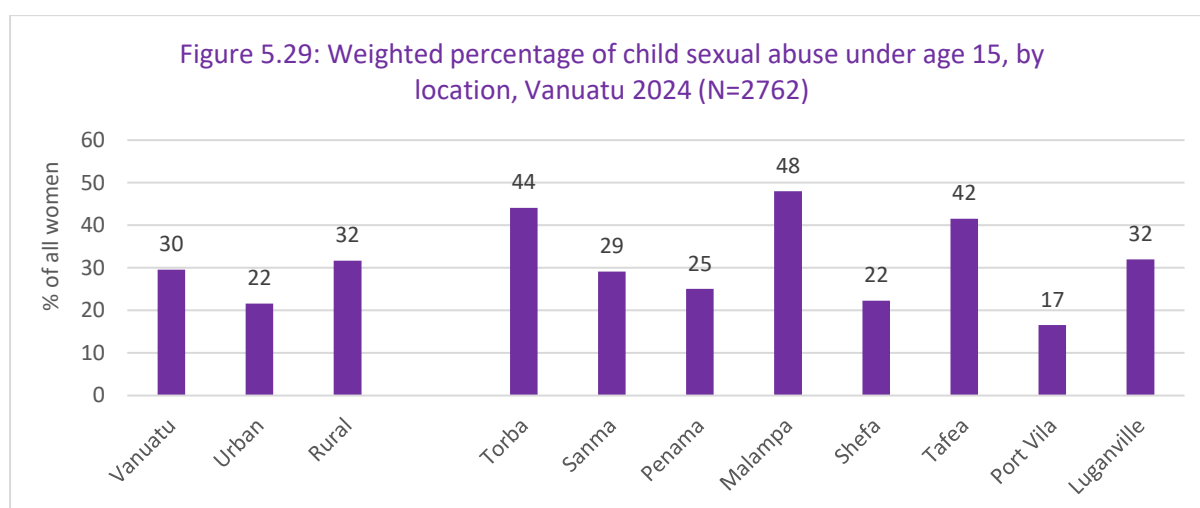
country study on violence against women, many other country surveys have confirmed the reliability of this approach, with prevalence based on affirmative responses to either the questionnaire and/or the anonymous image (WHO 2005: 50, and WHO 2007: 29-30).

### How many women were sexually abused as children?

Overall, 30% of women (3 in every 10) experienced some form of sexual abuse in childhood. This is one of the highest prevalence rates globally for sexual abuse of girls, and a major challenge for the country in reducing intimate partner violence, since child sexual abuse is a key risk factor associated with intimate partner violence (see chapter 10).

Although rural prevalence of childhood sexual abuse is higher than in urban areas (with 32% and 22% respectively), this is misleading, given that only Port Vila has a substantially lower prevalence, at 17% (Figure 5.29).

- The highest prevalence rates are in Malampa (48%), Torba (44%), Luganville (32%), and Sanma (29%).
- Shefa has the lowest prevalence of any rural area, at 22%, followed by Penama at 25%.



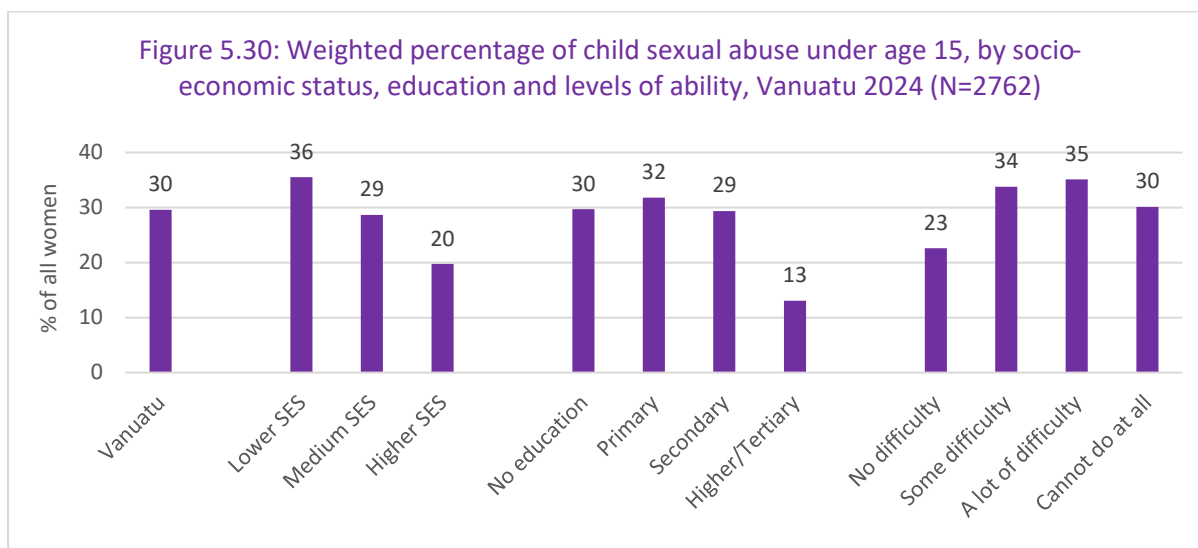
Source: Table 5.5, Annex 2.

There is no significant difference in prevalence by age of the respondent (and this would not be expected given that women are describing events that happened in their childhood.) However, this data confirms that the very high prevalence of child sexual abuse is not a recent phenomenon – most age groups have prevalence rates close to 30%. For example, 27% of women aged 55-64 were subjected to sexual abuse as children, and 27% of young women aged 15-19 also disclosed childhood sexual abuse. One potentially positive sign is that 15-17 year olds have a prevalence of 21%, the lowest among all ages (Table 5.5 of Annex 2).

Women from all religions and denominations also experienced childhood sexual abuse at about the same rate. However, the findings do show some differences according to education, status and level of ability (Figure 5.30). Nevertheless, the findings also show clearly that no-one, regardless of background, is protected from this abuse.

- There is a downward trend in prevalence according to socio-economic status, with 36% those of lower status having been abused, compared with 29% for those of medium status, and 20% of those with higher status.
- In contrast, it is only those with higher education who have a substantially lower prevalence rate (13%) whereas those with no education, primary and secondary are 30%, 32% and 29% respectively, all very close to the national rate of 30%.

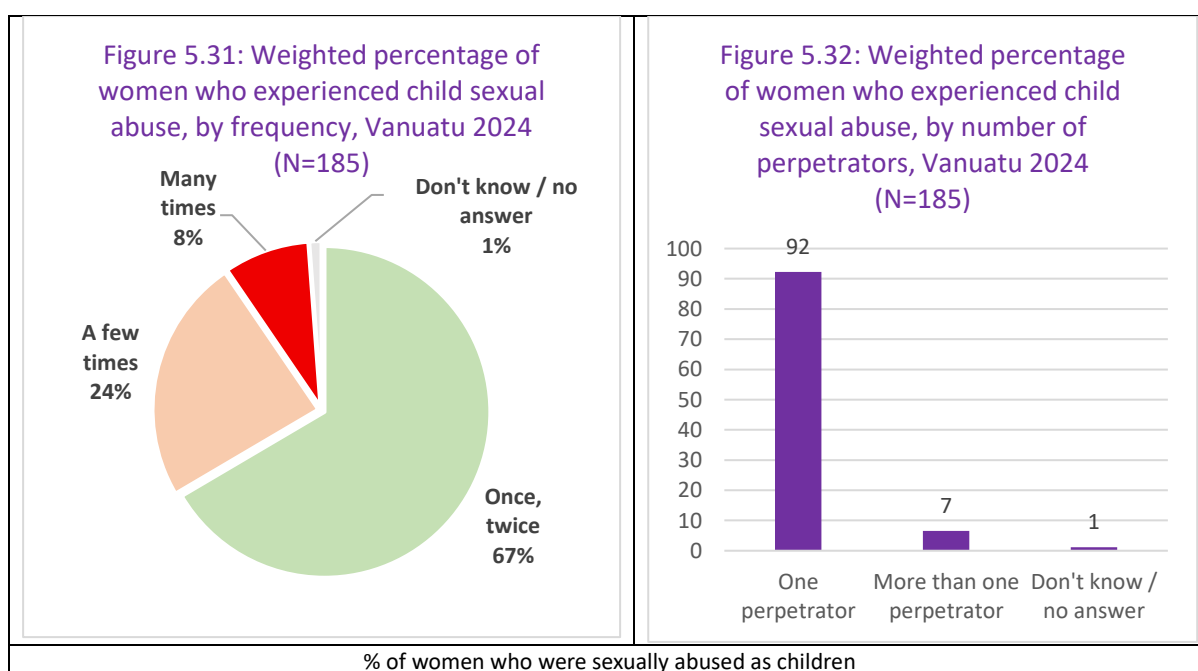
- The picture for women living with disabilities is more complex. Women living with a lot of functional difficulties have the highest prevalence at 35%, but the prevalence for those with the most severe limitations on functioning is 30%, the same as the national rate. Caution needs to be applied to interpretation, since it is quite likely that the experiences of women in this category would be under-reported, due to the inherent limitations of population based studies in reaching these women.



Source: Table 5.5, Annex 2.

### How frequently are girls being sexually abused?

Most women who disclosed their abuse used the anonymous method (781 respondents, or 27% of the sample), rather than the during the face-to-face interview (185 respondents or 6%, see Table 5.5 of Annex 2), although there was some overlap between the 2 methods of disclosure. Details on the abuse perpetrated are only available from the 6% who disclosed their abuse during the face-to-face interview, and these are reported in the charts below (Figures 5.31 to 5.35).

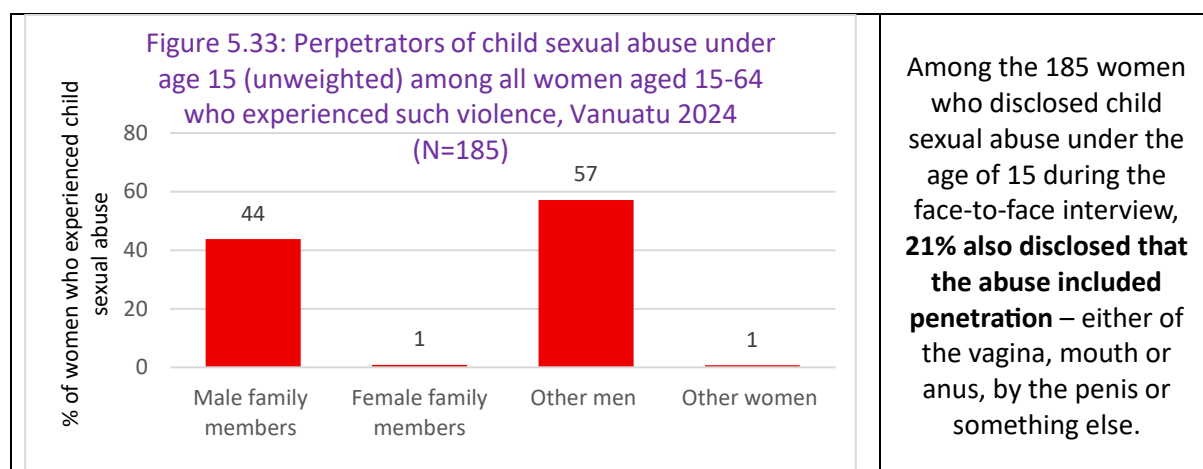


Source: Table 5.6, Annex 2. Note: details on frequency and perpetrators are based on the women who disclosed child sexual abuse during the face-to-face interview.

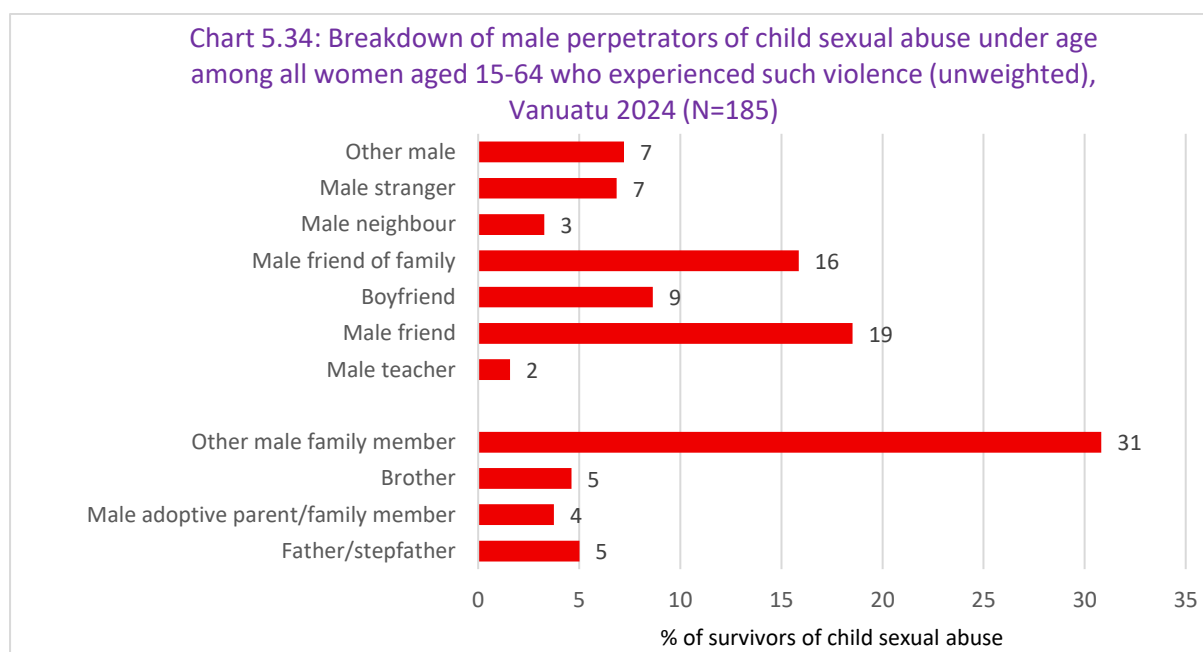
While the majority (67%, or nearly 7 out of 10) experienced abuse once or twice during their childhood, 24% (more than 2 in 10) said it happened a few times, and 8% (almost 1 in 10) said they were sexually abused many times (Figure 5.31). For 92% of victims/survivors, there was one perpetrator; 7% said that there was more than one perpetrator, and 1% did not answer this question.

### Who are the perpetrators of child sexual abuse? How old were the victims/survivors and how old were the perpetrators?

**Perpetrators of child sexual assault were mostly men who knew the child, had some power over her, and were people she should have been able to trust.** Almost half of the perpetrators of child sexual abuse were members of the girl's family (44%, or 4 in 10), and more than half were other males (57% or almost 6 in every 10, Figure 5.33). Only 7% of these crimes (less than 1 in 10) were perpetrated by strangers (Figures 5.33 and 5.44).



Source: Table 5.6, Annex 2. Notes: Details on frequency and perpetrators are based on the women who disclosed abuse during the face-to-face interview. Percentages total more than 100% because some women had more than one perpetrator.



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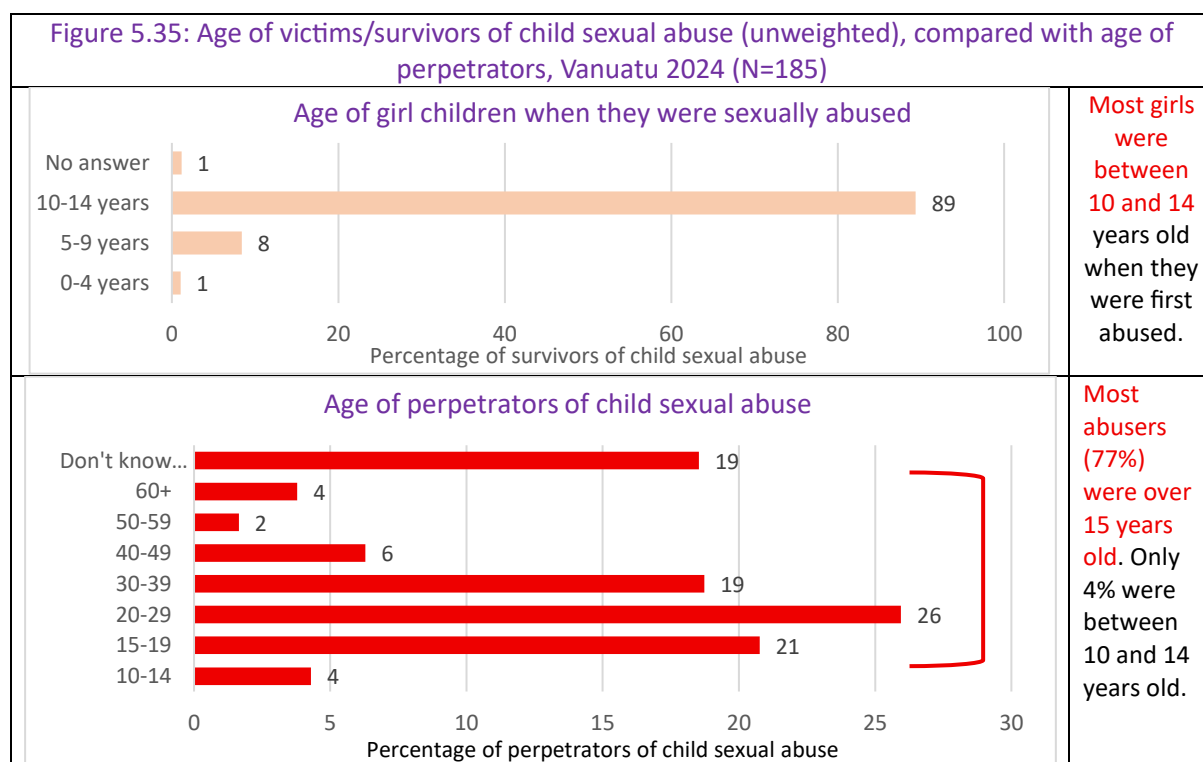
By far the largest category of perpetrators are “other male family members” – in other words, uncles, cousins, in-laws and other male family members with easy access to the child. These men make up 31% of perpetrators. Brothers and fathers or step-fathers were 5% each of perpetrators, and 4% were members of the girl’s adoptive family (Figure 5.34).

Among the male perpetrators who were not family members, the largest categories of offenders are the girl’s own male friends (19%), followed by male friends of the family (16%), and boyfriends (9%). Male strangers make up 7% of perpetrators, as do other men (not specified), 3% are male neighbours, and 3% are male teachers (Figure 5.34).

There were 3 female family members (1%) and 2 other females (1%) who were perpetrators. Note that the number of perpetrators totals more than 100% because respondents could identify multiple perpetrators, and as noted above, 7% of victims/survivors said they had more than one perpetrator (Table 5.6 and Figures 5.33 and 5.44).

Comparing the age of the perpetrators with that of the children when the first sexual abuse was committed confirms the power dynamic and abuse of trust involved in childhood sexual abuse (Figure 5.35): 89% (almost 9 in 10) were aged between 10 and 14 years when they were first abused; 8% were aged between 5 and 9 years; and 1% were 4 years old or younger.

In contrast, 77% of the perpetrators were over 15, 56% were over 20, and only 4% were between 10 and 14 years old (Figure 5.35). The largest category of perpetrators was aged 20-29, followed by 15-19 year-olds (21%) and 30-39 years (19%). Age does not appear to be a barrier to some men perpetrating these abuse, with 4% of perpetrators over 60. Nineteen percent of victims/survivors did not know the perpetrator’s age when they were abused. There were no perpetrators under 10 years old mentioned by respondents.



Source: Table 5.6, Annex 2. Notes: Details on frequency and perpetrators are based on the women who disclosed abuse during the face-to-face interview; those who disclosed using the anonymous face card/image could not be asked these questions.

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***Some common examples of childhood sexual abuse from the VWC caseload***

*“My first case when I came to VWC was a girl, aged 10, who was pregnant. The perpetrator was a church pastor. No-one wanted to spoil his reputation.”*

*“We do see cases of child sexual assault, but not as much as the data indicates we should. Sometimes they come to us for counselling when they are adults, because they are prevented from doing so as children. We have had several cases where the mother does not or cannot support the child, and others where the mother does support the case going to court.”*

*“We also had a case of a pastor, who was penetrating a girl in year 7 with his finger. After our awareness session at her school, she asked for help from her aunty. He was her step-father, and he had threatened her mother, who knew it was happening. Both the mother and the father were jailed, even though the girl was reluctant to testify against him. She never went back to her mother.”*

*“We had a case in Sanma where there were 3 girls being sexually abused by their step-father. The oldest one came to us for help when she felt something moving in her stomach, when she was 16. She didn’t realise she was pregnant. She knew her younger sisters were facing the same thing, and wanted to protect them. She reported the abuse, but her mother was opposed and wanted a custom reconciliation. The offender was released on parole and continued to abuse her.”*

*“We had a case (in Penama) where the biological father brought his 11 year-old to the centre, because her mother was becoming suspicious. It was taken to court, and he is now in jail. He was also physically abusing the mother.”*

*“We had a case at SCC where the abuse was by the adoptive father. He was jailed while awaiting trial, and the girl was sent away to Malekula by the family. By the time the case came to trial, she was 16. She claimed that she had never been to SCC, and that she had never met the CID officer. Her biological mother was very dependent on the offender. We assumed that they received compensation, and the case failed in court.”*

*“We had a successful conviction in another case. She was a 6-year old girl, and her sisters noticed she was not behaving normally. She could not walk properly, her vagina was very painful, and she had a fever. During counselling, she drew what had happened, very clearly. The offender was sentenced to 14 years jail.”*

***What stops women from reporting when their daughters are sexually abused?***

*“It is a range of factors. Many of us have also been touched as children, but we don’t talk about it. For the mothers, many are living physical and financial coercion and emotional abuse. Our workshops show us over and over again how many women are unclear about what sexual abuse actually is. They are surprised, because to talk about sex is taboo.”*

*“Some mothers will say, ‘if we report him, who will help me to look after the children, who will help to pay the high school fees?’”*

*“Reporting of child sexual abuse is discouraged in many communities, and the law frequently fails to protect the victims/survivors. There is sometimes a pattern of abuse in the VWC caseload, where the mother is physically abused by the perpetrator, and subjected to other forms of violence, in addition to her daughter being sexually abused.”*

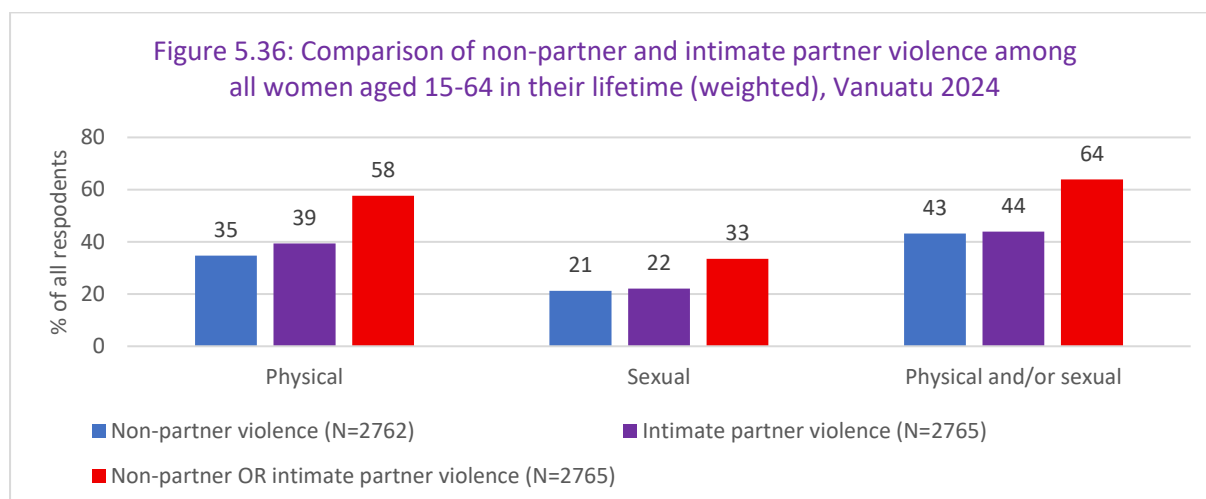
*(VWC monitoring and evaluation database and VWC Interpretation Workshop, 24/3/2025)*

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## 5.6 Comparison of partner and non-partner violence since age 15

**Is there any overlap between partner and non-partner violence? How many women are experiencing either violence from partners and/or from non-partners since age 15?**

A common myth worldwide is that women are most at risk of violence from people they hardly know, rather than from people they know well. The data presented above in this chapter already shows that this assumption is not correct in Vanuatu, with the vast majority of non-partner violence committed by male relatives, friends and neighbours, and not by strangers.



Source: Table 5.10, Annex 2. Note: Percentages shown for intimate partner violence are different from those in chapter 4 because the graph above uses ALL women as the denominator for the purposes of comparison with non-partner violence, and for an overall prevalence of either type of violence.

Figure 5.36 explores the extent to which all women in Vanuatu (regardless of whether or not they have a husband or partner) are subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by either a husband/partner or a non-partner. Once again, the results are confronting, because they reinforce the conclusion that high levels of violence against women are normalised and widely tolerated in Vanuatu, regardless of whether it is committed by partners or non-partners.

- More than 6 in 10 women (64%) have experienced some type of physical or sexual violence in their life from either a husband/partner or non-partner, or from both. For 43% of women, this has been perpetrated by non-partners, and for 44% by partners or husbands, showing that there is significant overlap with many women being subjected to abuse by both types of perpetrators.
- When we consider physical violence alone, a similar picture emerges: overall, almost 6 in 10 have been physically abused (58%). More than 3 in 5 women (35%) have been physically abused by non-partners since turning 15 years old, compared with almost 4 in 10 (39%) who have been physically abused by a husband/partner.
- Overall, 1 in 3 women (33%) have been sexually abused since turning 15, including 21% who have been abused by non-partners and 22% by their husbands/partners.

## 5.7 Summary of key patterns on non-partner violence

Overall, the data on non-partner violence is just as confronting as the findings on intimate partner violence. It indicates that most women (7 in 10) have already been exposed to patterns of physical, sexual and emotional violence during their childhood – and that for some (more than 3 in 10) the physical violence from non-partners does not stop once she enters into an intimate relationship. There is strong evidence that physical violence and emotional humiliation is normalised as a form of discipline, and that women's and girls' rights to sexual autonomy and safety are frequently undermined – by extraordinarily high rates of sexual abuse in childhood (3 in 10), and by similar rates of sexual abuse once women turn 15 (over 2 in 10) including more than 1 in 10 who have been raped since they turned 15.

The window that this violence opens onto girls' and women's lives is framed by an abrogation of their basic human and legal rights. Given that many of these childhood and adult experiences of non-partner violence are strong risk factors for women also going on to suffer from intimate partner physical or sexual violence (see chapter 10), it is essential for all stakeholders to respond appropriately when they hear of such violence, to protect women's and girls' rights and their safety. This is particularly so for the law and justice sector.

Some of the patterns observed for intimate partner violence also apply to non-partner violence, but others do not, or are not so clear.

### Patterns and implications related to age:

Young women, and particularly those aged 15-19, are most at risk for all forms of physical and sexual violence perpetrated after they turn 15. They are more likely than other age groups to experience physical violence by non-partners in the last 12 months, and more likely to be subjected to all forms of sexual abuse, including rape, attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching and sexual harassment. They are also more likely to be targeted for technology facilitated sexual abuse.

Young women also more likely to be forced or coerced to have sex as their first sexual experience, particularly those aged 15-17. The reliability of the data on these serious levels of sexual abuse is confirmed by the early pregnancy rate in Vanuatu: 10% of women aged 20-24 have already had a live birth before the age of 18 (VBoS 2024a: 68).

### **VWC's 2020 research on young women**

VWC's 2020 research on young women found that 25% of all clients were aged 18-24, and 5% were under 18 (VWC 2020: 42). Among the children who sought help when they were under 18:

- almost half (49%) were for cases of child sexual abuse
- one third were for cases of child physical abuse (32%)
- domestic violence was the next largest category (6%) – covering cases where girls under 18 were already in an intimate relationship with a husband or boyfriend
- 5% of counselling sessions were for rape
- 4% assisted girls with claims for child maintenance
- 3% were for sexual harassment and 2% for incest.

Another disturbing pattern is that the extraordinarily high rates of child sexual abuse are clearly not a recent phenomenon. They have been affecting girls for decades, with women of all ages having experienced sexual abuse in childhood at much the same rate.

All these experiences in themselves can have life-long consequences for women – for their health, educational and livelihood opportunities, self-esteem, and decision-making autonomy. These impacts are compounded when women receive unsupportive and blaming responses from the people they tell about these attacks, which may cause further long-term harm.

VWC's caseload over the last 5 years (from July 2020 to June 2025) confirms the survey findings that very few sexual abuses are reported to authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred in childhood or as an adult. Both physical and sexual child abuse cases combined makes up only 3% of the current caseload, and 6% of information requests. A deeper dive into the internal VWC database published in 2020 revealed that among those clients who did manage to get help as children, the majority were for child abuse (VWC 2020: 42, see box).

Adult sexual abuses including rape, sexual harassment and incest make up about 2% of the current caseload, and 12% of all information requests are about this issue (although some of the incest cases are historical, when victims/survivors come to seek counselling as adults). Sixteen percent of VWC's total caseload is for child maintenance cases, and this topic accounts for 13% of information requests from both women and men (VWC 2025: 174). Many of the child maintenance cases and enquiries are from young women, and they include both those who are survivors of rape and coercion, as well as those who have been abandoned by the fathers of their children.

#### Patterns related to location:

Whereas urban areas have a lower prevalence for most types of intimate partner violence, this is not the case for non-partner violence. Overall, Port Vila and Shefa province – where VWC has worked for more than 3 decades – tend to have the lowest prevalence for all types of non-partner violence. The only exceptions to this pattern are the prevalence rates for technology facilitated sexual abuse and for women's first sexual experience to be forced or coerced – in these cases, while Port Vila remains very low compared to the national prevalence rates, Shefa is closer to or around the national rates.

#### Patterns related to other socio-demographic characteristics:

In some cases, higher socio-economic status and education levels appear to protect women somewhat from non-partner sexual violence, but this is certainly not consistent. For some types of non-partner abuse, those with the either tertiary or secondary education have higher prevalence rates than other education groups. This is most notable for non-partner physical abuse over the age of 15, and for technology facilitated sexual abuse.

#### Patterns related to perpetrators:

Men who have access to and are reasonably closely connected to the victims – both children and adults – are overwhelmingly the major perpetrators of all forms of abuse. However, there are slight differences for physical versus sexual abuse, with fathers, brothers and other male family members being most likely to physically abuse women and girls.

Sexual violence is most often perpetrated by other male family members (more so than fathers or brothers, although the data indicates that this does happen, albeit to a lesser extent), along with male friends of the girls or woman, boyfriends, and male friends of the family. Contrary to popular myths, strangers are certainly not the greatest threat to women and girls.

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*"In some places, women are treated like rags, or floor mats. This is the way custom is practised in some places."*

*"In our community workshops, we see the gender dynamics that are accepted as normal. For example, in a workshop with male leaders, one man was complaining about a woman asking him for money for school fees. He admitted that he wanted sex from this woman, in return for helping her, even though she has a husband. He was simply seeing her as a sex object."*

(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 21/3/2025 and 24/3/2025)

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### ***Box 5.2: VWC pursues justice for recent rape victim***

Lisa is a 30-year-old woman. She was asleep when a man entered her house and raped her. She told her mum that she thought it was a young relative, and they reported the case to the Police in Port Vila in September 2024. Even though she went back a few times to follow up, the Police informed her that they were waiting to go to her village to have the case investigated.

Lisa was not happy because the Police kept responding to her negatively, so in January 2025, Lisa decided to come to the Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC) to seek help and counselling. At her request, the VWC Police Liaison Officer (PLO) and her counsellor follow up with the Police in the Port Vila. To their disappointment, the Police responded that the original statement was misplaced and they could not locate it. Fortunately, Lisa had given a copy of her original police statement to her counsellor, so they immediately returned to the VWC office and got the copy. VWC, on the advice of the PLO, decided to report the case directly to the Police Post near her village.

On arrival at the Police Post, the PLO spoke to the Police Officer in Charge of the Police Post, briefed him on the incident and why it was fit and proper for the client to report the case to them. After the briefing, the Officer in Charge responded that he agreed for his officers to take over and deal with the case. An additional statement was obtained from the client.

Two weeks later, the Officer in Charge of the Police Post called the PLO to say that the defendant was arrested and now remanded in the Correctional Centre awaiting to appear in court. VWC and the client have been informed that the defendant pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court. A trial date will be set for later in the year.

[\(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2025b: 28\)](#)

### ***Box 5.3: A Family Protection Order helps a 13-year old girl***

Jenny was 13 years old when she found herself living with her stepfather after her mother passed away. At first, she thought her stepfather was a kind and caring man, but soon she discovered his dark side. He started to sexually abuse her, leaving her feeling scared and helpless. The abuse went on for months until one day, Jenny heard about the Vanuatu Women's Centre and the work they were doing to raise awareness about sexual abuse and provide support to survivors. She mustered up the courage to go to the VWC branch and seek help.

At the centre, Jenny found a safe space where she could talk about her experiences and receive counselling. The staff at the VWC branch helped her understand that what was happening to her was not her fault and that she deserved to be safe and happy. With the support of the branch, Jenny made the decision to apply for a Family Protection Order (FPO) to protect her from her abuser. She went to court and bravely shared her story, finding strength in knowing that she was not alone in her fight for justice.

After the court granted her the FPO, Jenny felt a sense of relief and empowerment. She knew that she had taken a major step towards healing and reclaiming her life. Grateful for the support she received, Jenny went back to the branch to thank them for helping her through one of the darkest times in her life.

[\(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 36\)](#)



***Box 5.4: Police officer jailed for raping a 14-year old girl***

“A police officer has been sentenced to 3 years and 9 months imprisonment raping a 14 year old Year 7 student. The 27-year-old police officer was sentenced earlier this month by Supreme Court Justice Oliver Saksak in Isangel, Tanna for the offence he committed on the first day of this year 2024.

The court heard that the officer, who was intoxicated with alcohol, picked up the victim and other girls in a truck at night before taking her to his home, where the assault occurred.

According to the judgment, the officer was sentence for “one Count of Unlawful Sexual Intercourse contrary to section 97 (2) of the Penal Code Act”. In his defence, the officer claimed he was unaware the girl was underage. However, Justice Saksak ruled that the officer had taken advantage of the victim, stating, “He was a policeman with the responsibility to protect her, yet he abused that trust”.

The officer initially pleaded not guilty but upon rearrangement he pleaded guilty to the charge. Unlawful Sexual Intercourse contrary to section 97 (2) of the Penal Code Act offence carries the maximum penalty of 15 years imprisonment.”

(Thompson Marango, VBTC, 16/12/2024.

<https://vbtc.vu/police-officer-jailed-for-raping-14-year-old-girl/>> accessed 24/9/2025)



## Chapter 6: Attitudes and perceptions about gender equality and intimate partner violence

### Box 6.1: Key findings on attitudes

#### Attitudes to gender equality: how many women believe that they have the same rights as men?

- **More than half (51%) believe that “a good wife should obey her husband**, even if she disagrees”, and almost half (47%) think that a man should show that “he is the boss”.
- Most women (72%) believe that “a woman or girl should not touch food when she is menstruating”, and **more than half (57%) believe that “a wife becomes the property of her husband if bride price has been paid”**. About 1 in 4 (25%) believe that “it is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage”.

#### Attitudes to physical partner violence: how many women believe that physical violence by husbands and partners is ever justified?

- **Two in every three women (66%) agree with one or more situations where a man has “a good reason” to hit his wife/partner.**
- Almost half (46%) agree that a man has a good reason to hit his wife “if he finds out that she has been unfaithful”.
- More than 3 in 10 (35%) believe that a man is justified to hit his wife “if she disobeys him”, and 26% (about 1 in 4) think he has good reason if “he thinks she needs to be disciplined, taught a lesson or educated”.
- About 1 in 4 (26%) believe that a man is justified to hit his wife “if bride price has been paid”.

#### Attitudes to sexual and reproductive rights: how many women believe that a married woman can refuse sex with her husband?

- **Only 2 in 10 women (22%) believe that a married woman has a right to refuse to have sex with her husband**, whatever the circumstances.
- About 6 in 10 (63%) believe that a married women can refuse if she does not want to have sex.
- Most women (about 8 in 10) agree that woman can refuse her husband sex if has a sexually transmitted disease, or if he is having sex with other women or men.
- Almost 7 in 10 (68%) believe that a woman can refuse sex if she does not want to get pregnant.

#### What triggers physical violence by their husbands and partners?

- More than 3 in 10 (33%) said that there is no particular reason that leads to physical violence, 34% said that it tends to happen when he is drunk, and 30% say when he is jealous of her.

This chapter presents data on women’s attitudes to gender roles, gender equality and women’s human rights. It explores common justifications used for men hitting their wives and partners, and women’s views on what situations tend to trigger violence. It investigates whether there are any significant differences in attitudes between those who have experienced intimate partner violence, and those women who have not. All rates are weighted (section 2.4).

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*“These attitudes are the deep roots of violence against women.”*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 24/3/2025)

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## 6.1 Women's attitudes towards gender equality

### What do women believe about gender roles, and equality between women and men?

Nine statements were presented to all respondents on gender roles and women's human rights, and women were asked to give their own personal opinion on whether or not they themselves agreed with the statements (Annex 1, section 6).

There are very high levels of agreement with statements that either undermine women's basic human rights, or that reinforce potentially damaging gender roles. Overall, the data shows that there is much work to do to promote a broader understanding of women's rights (Figure 6.1).

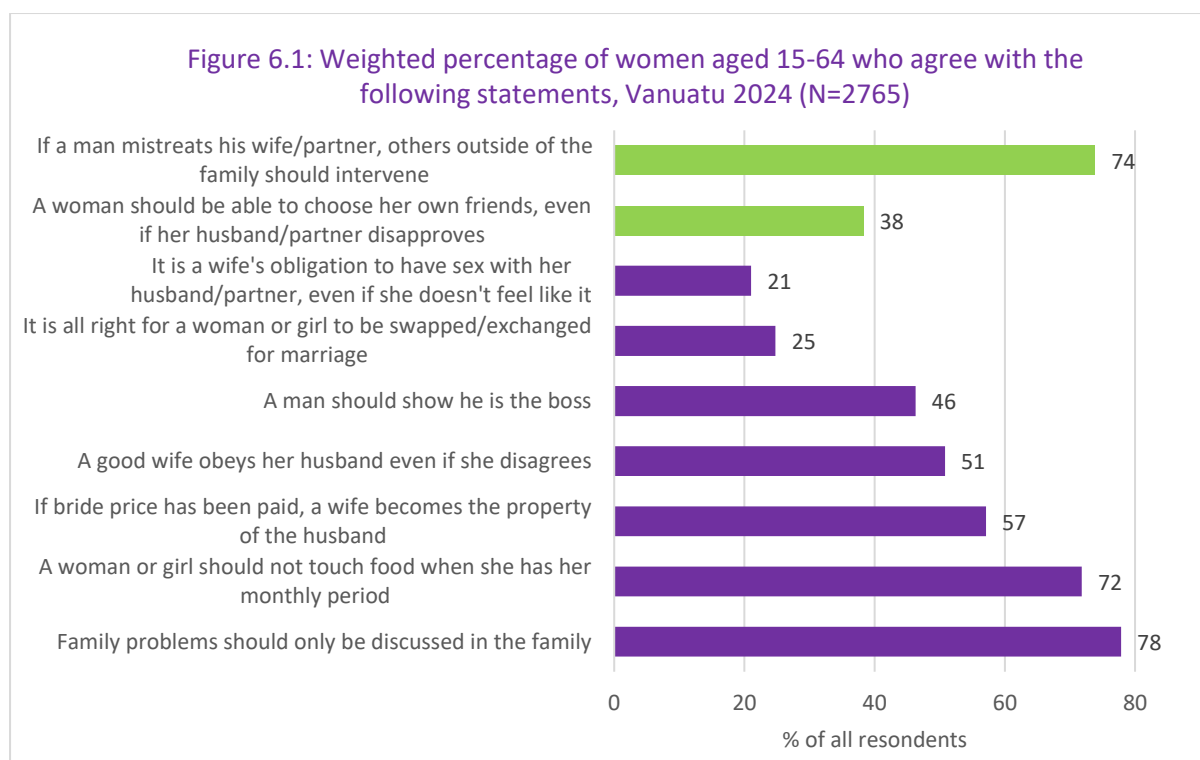
More than half of the women in Vanuatu agree that if bride price is paid, a wife becomes the property of her husband (57%). Almost the same number believe that a good wife must obey her husband, even if she disagrees with him (51%), and that he should show he is the boss (46%). Only 38% (less than 4 in 10) believe that a woman has the right to choose her own friends. The widespread acceptance and agreement with these attitudes would make it very difficult for many women to seek help when they are living with violence (Figure 6.1). One finding that is surprising to the VWC team is the very high number of women (72%) who believe that women and girls should not touch food when they are menstruating.

*"The attitude on menstruation is not the traditional custom everywhere in Vanuatu. It was only practised in some places in Tafea and Penama, but now it is much more widespread."*

*"We are a bit surprised by the findings, but we think it is true."*

*"Some men now believe that if they are sick after eating food, it is because the woman was menstruating."*

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 24/3/2025)*



Source: Table 6.1, Annex 2. Colour coding indicates green for views that are supportive of women's rights; and purple for those that are not supportive of gender equality and women's rights.



On the other hand, there are some areas where women's views are challenging prevailing and dominant gender norms. For example, although 8 in 10 (78%) women agree that family problems should only be discussed in the family, 74% (almost 8 in 10) believe that others outside the family should intervene if a man mistreats his wife. While these two beliefs may appear contradictory, the latter attitude could provide a window for advocacy and education. The key issue here is what community members actually see as mistreatment in the current context where gender inequality and physical violence are tolerated by the majority of women.

*"Although this data tells us that some women are beginning to question the cultural norms, it also shows that we need to do much more to raise awareness of women's rights."*

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In addition, VWC staff assert that swapping girls between families for marriage – including cases where women are swapped as a form of compensation for the wrong-doings committed by men – used to be much more widespread; the fact that 25% believe that this is acceptable is a somewhat positive sign, since it is lower than was anticipated by most VWC staff (Figure 6.1).

**Box 6.2: Weighted percentage of women aged 15-64 who agree with each of the following statements, and variations by characteristics, Vanuatu 2024 (N=2765)**

| Attitudes to gender roles and gender equality                            | Total Vanuatu % | Variations by location                                                                                                                              | Variations by age                                                                                                                                | Variations by other background characteristics                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family       | 78%             | There is very high agreement with this statement, regardless of location, age, education, socio-economic status, religion, or levels of disability. |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| A woman or girl should not touch food when she has her monthly period    | 72%             | Torba (46%) & Vila (59%) are less likely to agree; Tafea (88%) & Penama (87%) are more likely to agree.                                             | Women of all ages believe this, with not much variation between age groups.                                                                      | Tertiary educated women (57%) and those with higher status (65%) are somewhat less likely to agree this statement. There is little variation by religion.                 |
| If bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband | 57%             | Torba (34%), Tafea (37%) & Vila (45%) are less likely to agree; Penama (85%), Sanma (72%) & Luganville (68%) are more likely to agree.              | Women of all ages believe this, with not much variation between age groups.                                                                      | Tertiary educated women (40%) and those with higher status (50%) are somewhat less likely to agree this statement. Women from all religions agree at about the same rate. |
| A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees                      | 51%             | Torba (27%) is less likely to agree; Luganville (69%), Sanma (61%) & Penama (60%) are more likely to agree.                                         | Young women aged 15-19 (44%) and 25-29 (24%) are less likely to agree with this than other age groups.                                           | Level of education, socio-economic status, religion, and level of disability has very little impact on this belief – all agree at about the same rate.                    |
| A man should show he is the boss                                         | 46%             | Torba (23%) & Tafea (24%) are less likely to agree; Luganville (54%), Sanma (56%) & Penama (72%)                                                    | Women of all ages, education levels, socio-economic status, religions and levels of disability agree with this statement at about the same rate. |                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Attitudes to gender roles and gender equality                                                    | Total Vanuatu % | Variations by location                                                                                       | Variations by age                                                          | Variations by other background characteristics                                                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                  |                 | are more likely to agree.                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                        |
| It is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage                      | 25%             | This belief is less prevalent in Torba (7%) and Vila (13%), but more prevalent in Penama (47%).              | Young women aged 15-19 are less likely to agree with this statement (18%). | Tertiary educated women (6%) and those with higher status (14%) are somewhat less likely to agree this statement.                                      |
| It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner, even if she doesn't feel like it | 21%             | Torba (11%) & Vila (15%) are less likely to agree; Luganville (35%) & Penama (34%) are more likely to agree. | Young women aged 15-19 are less likely to agree with this statement (16%). | Level of education, socio-economic status, religion, and level of disability has very little impact on this belief – all agree at about the same rate. |
| A woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/partner disapproves        | 38%             | Women from Tafea (15%) are least likely to agree with this. There is little variation in other locations.    | Young women aged 15-19 are less likely to agree with this statement (29%). | Level of education, socio-economic status, religion, and level of disability has very little impact on this belief – all agree at about the same rate. |
| If a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside of the family should intervene               | 74%             | Women from Torba (49%) are least likely to agree with this. There is little variation in other locations.    | Young women aged 15-19 are less likely to agree with this statement (59%). | Tertiary educated women (81%) and those with higher status (81%) are somewhat more likely to agree this statement.                                     |

Source: Table 6.1, Annex 2.

A great deal of caution is needed when comparing differences in attitudes by women's characteristics such as location, age, education and socio-economic status. While several differences are noted in Box 6.2, the overwhelming conclusion is that most attitudes are not influenced by education or status to any significant degree, and many of the differences in prevalent attitudes between locations and age are minor. However, a few observations can be made (Box 6.2 and Table 6.1 of Annex 2):

- Young women aged 15-19 are somewhat less likely to agree with most statements, regardless of whether the statements support or undermine women's basic human rights.
- For four of the 9 statements, women with tertiary education and higher socio-economic status are more likely to support women's human rights and gender equality. Conversely, these characteristics have little or no impact for the remaining 5 statements. For two key statements which subordinate women's views and wishes to those of men (a man should show he is boss, and a good wife should obey the husband), there is very little variation by age, education or status.
- Women from all religions agree with the statements at more or less the national rate.
- Women from Torba and Port Vila are somewhat less likely to agree with several of the statements that undermine women's rights, but there is no overall consistent trend in differences by location.

### **Are there any differences in attitudes to gender roles and gender equality between women who have experienced intimate partner violence, versus those who have not?**

There are very few differences in attitudes, regardless of whether or not women have experienced violence from their husbands or partners. Statistically significant differences were found in only two of the attitudes explored above (Table 6.1 of Annex 2):



- Women who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence were more likely to believe that they had an obligation to provide sex (24%) compared those who have not experienced this violence (19%).
- Women who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence were more likely to believe that women and girls should not touch food during menstruation (74%) compared those who have not experienced this violence (69%).

## 6.2 Women's attitudes towards physical violence by husbands and partners

### How many women believe that physical violence by husbands and partners is justified?

Eleven statements were presented to respondents, who were asked whether they agree that "a man has a good reason to hit his wife/partner" in each of the situations described (Annex 1, section 6).

Overall, there is a high level of acceptance that men are justified in being physically violent to their wives and partners: almost 7 in 10 women (66%) believe that violence is justified for one or more reasons, and almost 4 in 10 (39%) believe it is justified for 3 or more reasons. **Only 3 in 10 (34%) believe that violence is not justified for any of the reasons given** (Figure 6.2).

Many of the justifications point to the prevailing view of women as the property of men, and others either infantilise or subordinate women. All are very closely linked to the attitudes on gender equality, gender roles and women's rights discussed above. For example (Figure 6.2):

- More than 3 in 10 women (35%) believe that there is "a good reason" for physical violence by the husband/partner "if she disobeys him".
- More than 1 in 4 women (26%) think that violence is justified if the man believes that "she needs to be disciplined, taught a lesson or educated".
- More than 1 in 4 women (26%) think that violence is justified if bride price has been paid.
- Almost 2 in 10 (17%) believe that physical violence is justified "if she does not complete her household work to his satisfaction".
- Almost 1 in 10 (9%) believe he has "a good reason to hit his wife/partner" if she is living on his land or in his house, and 9% believe that it is justified if bride price has not been paid.
- Two of the statements specifically focus on women's lack of sexual and reproductive rights: 14% (more than 1 in 10) believe that he is justified to hit her if she refuses sex, and 17% (almost 1 in 10) if she cannot get pregnant.
- Three of the statements explore views around fidelity. Almost half the women interviewed (46%) believe that physical violence is justified if the husband or partner finds out that his wife has been unfaithful, and 25% (1 in 4) believe it is justified if he only suspects unfaithfulness. More than 1 in 10 (15%) believe it is justified if she asks about his girlfriends.

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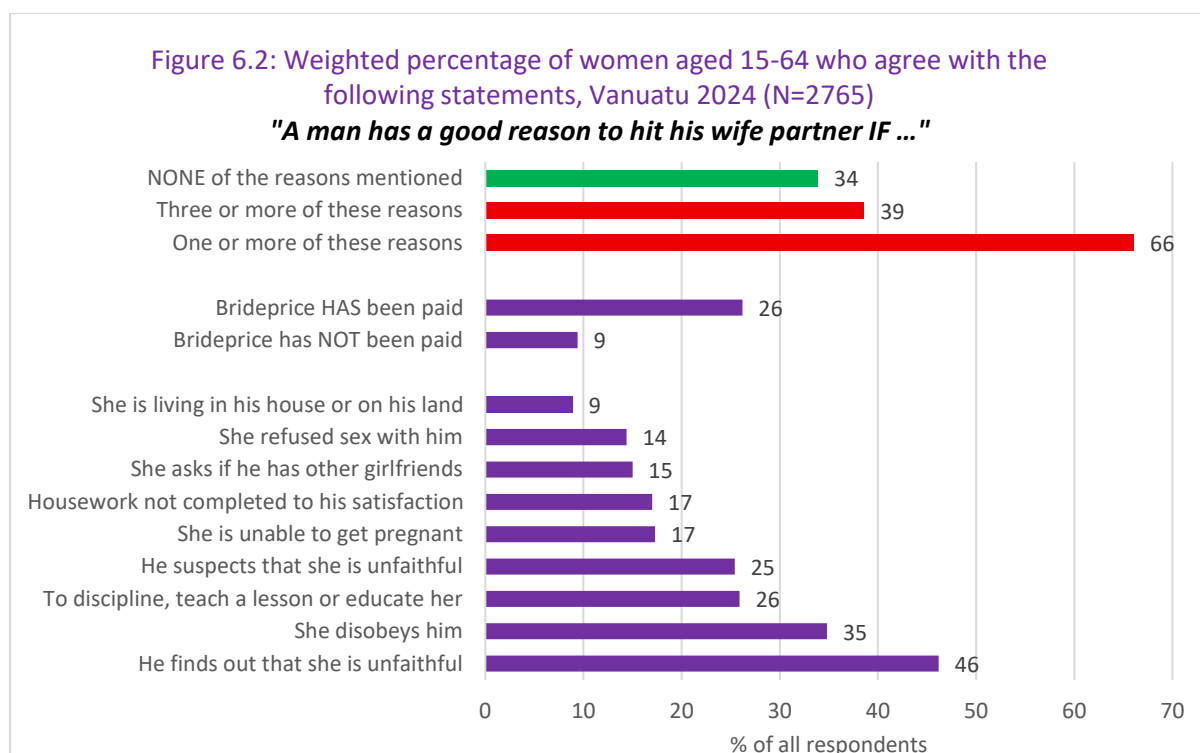
***"These attitudes to physical violence show how it is normalised in the community."***

*"As children, women witness this behaviour by their parents, and they accept this as normal. We are seeing this in our workshops."*

*"On Pentecost, bride price is 10 pigs with tusks. When that is paid to her male relatives, people think it is OK for her husband to beat her. As soon as they are married, the girls' fathers, uncles and sisters tell her to respect her husband. Family relationships are valued, and the women value them too."*

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Source: Table 6.2, Annex 2.

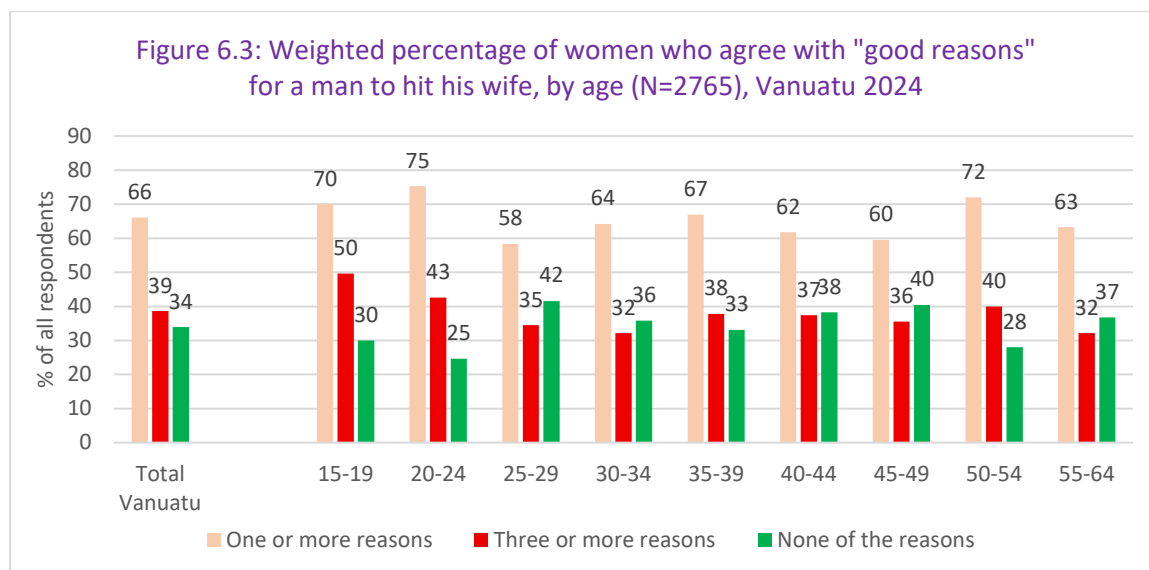
There are some minor differences in levels of agreement by location (Table 6.2 of Annex 2):

- There are fewer women in Torba who agree with 3 or more justifications for violence (20% compared with 39% for Vanuatu as a whole). Port Vila also had fewer women (24%) who agreed with 3 or more reasons.
- In contrast, about half of the women in Sanma and Penama agree with 3 or more reasons for physical violence by a husband or partner (50% and 55% respectively), and only 2 in 10 (20% and 21% respectively) thought that there were no good reasons for a man to hit his wife (compared to 34% nationally).
- All other provinces are similar to the national rate of 39% of women who agree with 3 or more reasons, and 34% who agree with none of the reasons.

One disturbing finding is that young women under the age of 24 are more likely to agree with 3 or more reasons for a man to hit his wife or partner (Figure 6.3):

- Half of the respondents aged 15-19 (50%) agreed with 3 or more reasons, compared with the national rate of 39%, and 43% of those aged 20-24.
- The same groups were also a little less likely to say that there were no good reasons for physical violence: 30% of those aged 15-19 said there were no good reasons, and 25% of those aged 20-24 (compared with 34% nationally).

There were 3 key areas where young women were more likely to agree that men are justified to use physical violence: disobedience by the woman, unfaithfulness, and the payment of bride price. These are all important areas for stakeholders to focus on in their community education with young women (Table 6.2 of Annex 2).



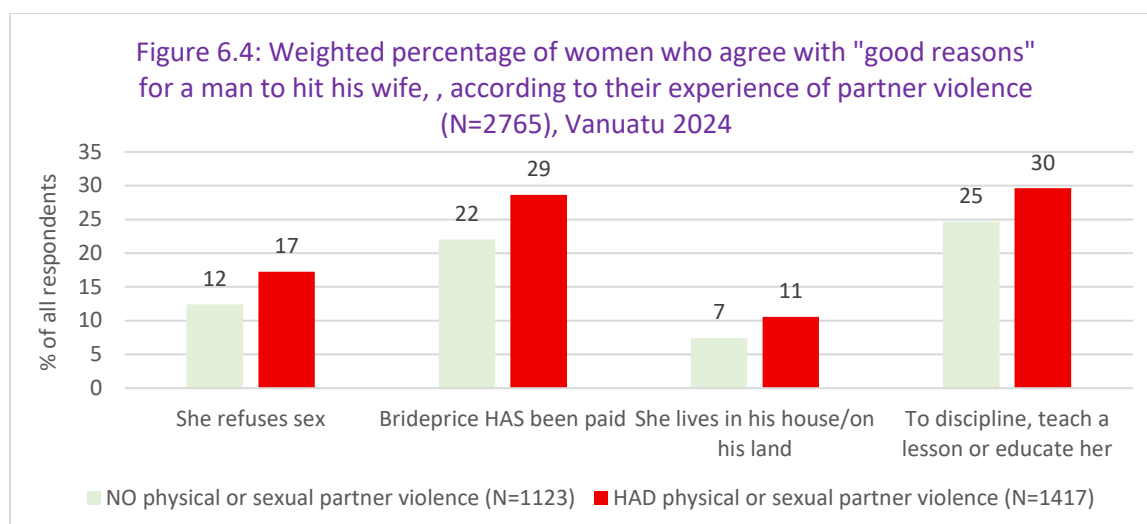
Source: Table 6.2, Annex 2.

Women who have completed tertiary level education are somewhat less likely to agree with 3 or more justifications for physical violence, as are women from higher socio-economic backgrounds: 28% of women from these groups (almost 3 in 10) believe that violence is justified, compared with 39% nationally. However, almost half of all tertiary educated women (49%) believe that there are no good reasons for physical violence, but only 40% of women from higher status groups think there are no good reasons. There are no major differences in views by religion.

#### Are there any differences in attitudes to physical violence between women who have experienced intimate partner violence, compared with those who have not?

While there are minor differences in views between these two groups for most of the reasons for physical violence, there are four where these are statistically significant, and therefore unlikely to be due to chance (Figure 6.4):

- Women who have experienced violence are more likely to believe that refusal of sex is a good reason for physical violence, with 17% agreeing with this statement compared with 12% who have not experienced violence.
- Bride price is a complex issue, with some conflicting views seen in the data. However, it is clear that women experiencing violence are more likely to believe that the payment of bride price gives men the “right” to physically abuse their wives, with almost 3 in 10 believing this (29%), compared with 22% who have not experienced intimate partner violence.
- Overall, a minority of women (9%) believe that living on the man’s land or in his house justifies his use of physical abuse, but women who are living with the violence are more likely to believe this (11%) compared with those who are not experiencing violence (7%).
- One in 3 women (30%) living with violence believe that physical violence is justified if the man thinks that he needs to discipline his wife or partner, teach her a lesson or “educate” her. This compares with 25% of those who are not living with violence.



Source: Table 6.2, Annex 2. All differences shown are statistically significant, with p values <0.05.

### 6.3 Women's attitudes to when a married woman can refuse sex with her husband

#### When can a married woman can refuse sex with her husband?

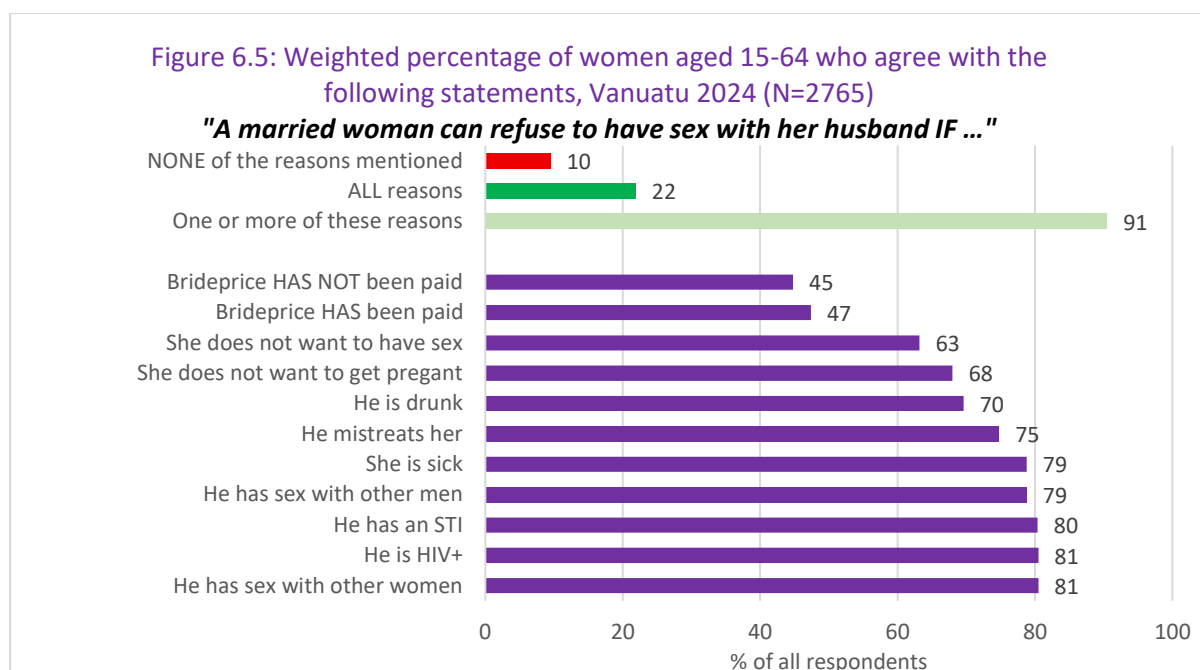
Respondents were asked their opinion on whether "a married woman can refuse to have sex with her husband". Eleven different statements were presented (Annex 1, question 608).

Overall, the findings are positive with most women believing that they have the right to refuse sex in most circumstances. However, only 2 in 10 (22%) agree with all the reasons given, and 1 in 10 (10%) do not think that any of the reasons justify a wife refusing sex. Bride price is a confounding factor, with about half of respondents believing that it reduces a woman's right to refuse, regardless of whether or not it has paid. Six in 10 (63%) believe that she can refuse sex if she does not feel like it (Figure 6.5).

About 8 in 10 women believe that if a husband has sex with other women or men or has a sexually transmitted infection, there is good reason for a wife to refuse sex. Similarly, about 8 in 10 believe it is reasonable for her to refuse if she is sick (79%) or if he mistreats her (75%). Seven in ten (70%) think she can refuse if he is drunk, or if she does not want to get pregnant (68%). Once again, bride price is shown to be a complex issue with conflicting opinions: 5 in 10 (47%) believe she can refuse if bride price has been paid, but almost the same proportion of women (45%) believe she can refuse if it has not been paid (Figure 6.5).

Although there are some variations in the proportion of respondents who agree with various reasons for refusing sex, there are few clear patterns and a high degree of caution should be applied to interpreting these (Table 6.3 of Annex 2).

- Women from Torba are more likely to agree with all of the reasons for refusing sex (38% compared with 22% nationally).
- Contrary to many other trends seen across the database, women from Port Vila are less likely to agree with all the reasons for refusing (only 4% compared with 22% nationally). Respondents from Penama are also less likely to agree with all the reasons, with only 1 in 10 (10%) doing so.



Source: Table 6.3, Annex 2. STI – sexually transmitted infection.

No clear patterns emerge for religion and age, with all the different religions and age groups agreeing at more or less the national rate. Women with tertiary education and those with higher socio-economic status are slightly less likely to agree with all the reasons for refusing sex, with 2 in 10 doing so (18%) compared with 22% nationally. Conversely, women with no or primary education and with lower socio-economic status are more likely to agree with all the reasons (29%, 25% and 25%, see Table 6.3 of Annex 2).

### Are there any differences in attitudes to sexual autonomy and rights between women who have experienced intimate partner violence, compared with those who have not?

The data suggests that there is a sense of sexual autonomy among many women, which may form the basis for further advocacy to strengthen understanding of women's rights. Interestingly, women who have experienced physical, sexual or emotional violence are more likely to believe that they have a right to refuse sex for all the reasons mentioned.

If we compare those women who have experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence with those who have not, these differences in views are highly statistically significant for all but one of the reasons mentioned, which means that they are very unlikely to be due to chance (Table 6.3 of Annex 2). The one area where the difference is not significant is if she refuses sex because she doesn't want to get pregnant.

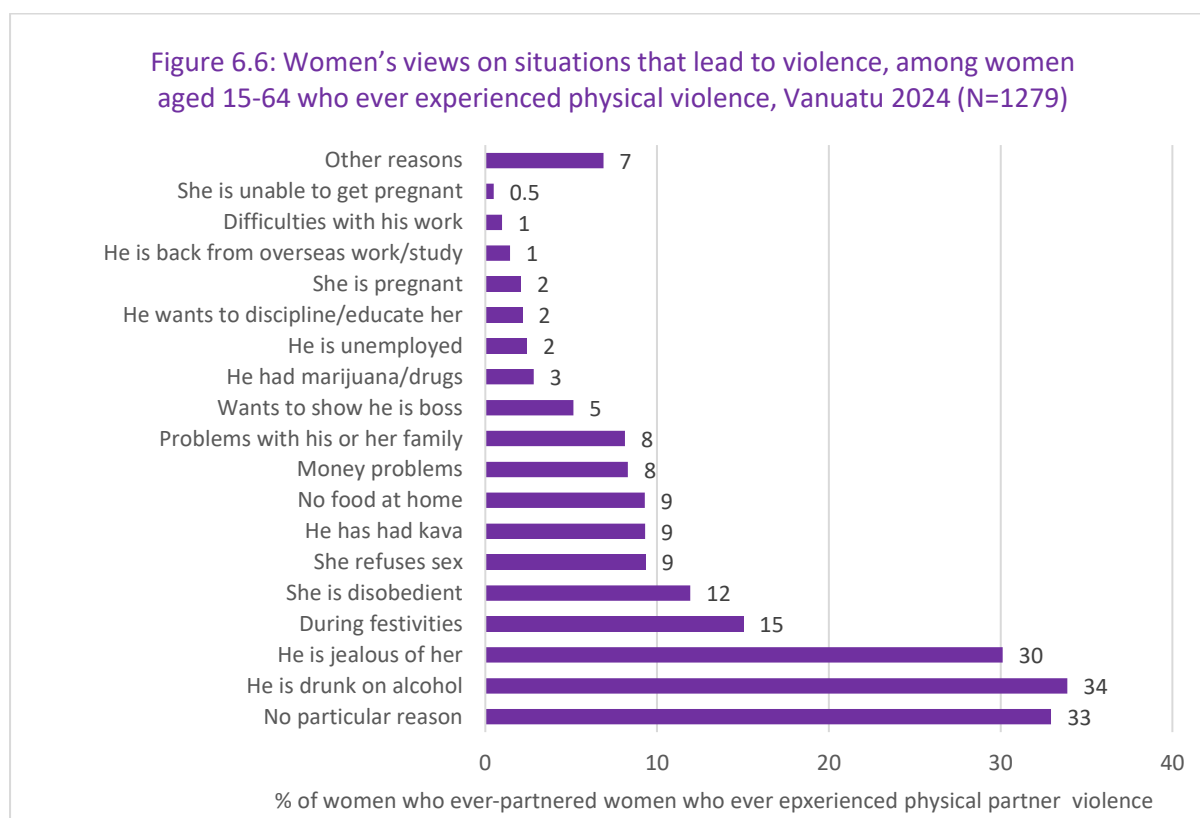
The biggest difference in views between women living with intimate partner violence and those who are not is in the area of bride price. Among those who have not experienced partner violence 37% believe that they can refuse sex if bride price has not been paid. This compares with 51% for those who are living with violence. In other words, women who are living with violence are more likely to believe that they can refuse sex if bride price has not been paid. But the converse is also seen in the data, with women who are living with violence also more likely to believe that she can refuse if bride price has been paid. These findings on bride price are impossible to interpret without further research into customary beliefs related to bride price, and how they affect women's rights in a range of different areas, given that most women (8 in 10) said that they could not afford to pay back the bride price if they needed to (chapter 4, and Table 4.12c of Annex 2).

## 6.4 Women's views on situations that trigger physical violence by their husbands and partners

### What are women's experiences of the situations that tend to trigger physical violence?

Women who said that they had experienced physical violence by their husband or partner were asked whether there were any particular situations that tend to lead to the husband's or partner's behaviour. No suggestions were given by interviewers about potential situations; it was up to the respondent to say what she thought the triggers were, with no leading prompts (see Annex 1 question 901). Eighteen triggers were noted for interviewers to record if they were mentioned by respondents, in addition to any "other reasons". Respondents could mention multiple reasons.

Figure 6.6: Women's views on situations that lead to violence, among women aged 15-64 who ever experienced physical violence, Vanuatu 2024 (N=1279)



Source: Table 6.4, Annex 2. Percentages total more than 100% because women could provide multiple answers.

While many different situations were mentioned by women that may trigger physical violence, it is notable that for 33% (1 in 3) there was no particular reason for the violence. This finding alone points to the normalisation of violence in the community. In addition to men not needing any particular reason, there is a large cluster of triggers that are directly related to attitudes that either view women as subordinate to men, or which punish women for their contravention of prevalent gender norms. Together, these reasons account for the vast majority of triggers mentioned by women.

Twelve of the 18 triggers are related to gender norms and expectations that either reinforce or enforce pervasive gender inequality, including the following: the husband/partner is jealous of his wife/partner (30%), disobedience by the woman (12%), refusal of sex (9%), the desire of the man to show he is the boss (5%), and the man wanting to discipline, educate or teach her a lesson (2%). Having no food at home (9%) may also be seen as not conforming to gender-related expectations regarding women's domestic responsibilities, and this is closely related to money problems,



mentioned by 8% of women. Both being pregnant (2%) and being unable to get pregnant (0.5%) are also cited as triggers, pointing to the control that men wish to exert over women in some cases. Although only 1.4% of women mentioned his return from overseas work or study as a trigger, VWC's caseload indicates that this is also often related to men seeking to exert control, including cases where he has had affairs while overseas, where he with-held funds for his family due to forming other relationships, or where he has placed his family with relatives and sought to control his wife's movements and activities to an extreme degree.

There is also a smaller cluster of triggers that points to men's abuse of substances, such as alcohol (34%), kava (9%), and either marijuana or other drugs (3%). Almost 2 in 10 women (15%) mentioned that physical violence occurs around festivities. This is a phenomenon which VWC has observed over many years: times of community celebrations such as the Christmas/New Year period or public holidays can be times of extreme fear and danger for many women.

There are two triggers specifically related to the man's personal or economic circumstances, such as him being unemployed (2%), and difficulties with his work (1%). Finally, problems with either his or her family is mentioned by 8% of women, and other reasons (not specified) were mentioned by 7% of respondents.

Although there are no discernible patterns in responses by women's characteristics across the different triggers and clusters of reasons given for violence, there is one finding that is worth noting, given the patterns seen in earlier chapters showing considerably higher prevalence rates for all forms of intimate partner violence among young women.

- 53% of young women aged 15-19 noted that there was no particular reason for their husband's or partner's physical violence, compared with 33% nationally. This further supports the interpretation identified in chapter 4 that men seek to establish their power and dominance over women early in their relationships.

## 6.5 Summary of patterns and conclusions on attitudes to gender equality and partner violence

The high levels of agreement with many statements that are directly opposed to women's equal rights highlights the enormous challenge faced by all stakeholders who are working to eliminate violence against women and girls. They underline the fact that violence against women and girls is rooted in deeply held norms and practices in Vanuatu, which subordinate and infantilise women even when they become adults. They point to the fact that preventing and eliminating violence must be seen as a long-term endeavour. Moreover, these prevalent attitudes would undoubtedly undermine women's efforts to seek help when they are facing violence from husbands and partners.

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### ***I have learned something from the survey***

*"A lot of girls and women today have husbands who don't respect us women. I think it would be good if women could get more awareness, encouragement and ideas so that everyone can have a good life together."*

*"I am very glad to have done this interview. These were things I didn't know about, but I have learned something."*

*"I am a girl who has never talked about these things. But I am glad, because all the questions have opened up my thinking."*

*(Survey respondent comments, when asked if they have any further comments at the end of the questionnaire – translated from Bislama)*

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Although there are a few statements where younger women and those with tertiary education and higher socio-economic status are less likely to agree with damaging stereotypes, practices and norms, there are many others where this is not the case. VWC's experience with both counselling and community education indicates that many women and men say that they do not know that violence is wrong, damaging, or against the law. This is supported by the answers given to many questions on attitudes, and also from some of the comments that respondents made at the end of the questionnaire.

However, it is also very clear that attitudes can change, and there are many examples from VWC's work where men make public confessions and apologies after they have participated in VWC's workshops. Evidence from VWC's pre- and post-training questionnaires with men in male advocacy workshops shows that there is considerable increase in understanding areas following each workshop, including on their understanding of gender equality and women's human rights, their ability to talk about violence against women and its impacts and to intervene to keep women safe, and their acknowledgement that violence is in fact a problem in their own communities. Much less change is observed on attitudes relating to whether women can be equal leaders and decision-makers, whether they can be household heads, and whether traditional custom promotes gender equality and women's rights.<sup>17</sup> There are also numerous examples in VWC's case study database of men's attitudes and behaviours changing following the timely serving of Family Protection Orders, particularly when there is support for this from local Chiefs and police, and when women have the benefit of counselling from VWC or a local branch. It is not always known whether these changes in men's behaviours and attitudes are sustained. Nevertheless, there are also many examples documented where clients come back to the centre to let the counsellors know that things have improved; there are also cases (Box 6.3) where VWC's local networks with male advocates and chiefs helps to ensure that there is ongoing support for survivors.

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*"Mi no save se bae mi save pat blong servey ya. Mi stap harem about vaelens, be mi no save gud se vaelens hemi wanem nomo. Mi wandem sapos i gat sam workshop bae vwc i invitem mifala ol yangfala gel i joinem, from mi luk fulap we oli ol age blong mi, oli gat ol pikinini finis mo oli stap fasem ol rabis fasin, be oli stap quiet nomo, mo tink se i olraet."*

*"I didn't know I would take part in this survey. I have heard about violence, but I didn't understand well what violence is. If there is a VWC workshop, I would like VWC to invite young girls and women to join, because I can see many women my age who have already got children and have faced bad treatment, but they just stay quiet, and they think it is all right."*  
(Survey respondent comments, when asked if they have any further comments at the end of the questionnaire – translated from Bislama)

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<sup>17</sup> Internal data analysis of pre- and post-training questionnaires with male advocacy participants, over 5 workshops from 2016 to 2021, with 112 participants in total. For example, the proportion of participants able to explain women's human rights increased from 15% to 83%, whereas the proportion who believed women could be leaders and community decision-makers only increased from 9% to 27%.

***Box 6.3: The impact of VWC's mobile counselling in preventing further violence and beginning the process of attitude change***

Chief Andrew has a son, Timothy, who had been severely abusive to his wife, Annie. In the latest incident, he ill-treated Annie and sent her out of the house. Chief Andrew went to a nearby place and listened to an awareness session conducted by the Tafea Counselling Centre (TCC). Afterwards, Chief Andrew went back to the village and brought his daughter-in-law, Annie to the centre. TCC assisted her to apply for a Family Protection Order (FPO). The Chief's son Timothy was arrested and held in the holding cell awaiting issuance of the FPO, due to the severity of his violence.

When he was released on bail, he realised that his wife had returned to her home village, and he was devastated. Timothy said he learned a big lesson from the Family Protection Order taken out by Annie, and supported by his father. Chief Andrew thanked TCC for enabling him to assist his daughter-in-law. He invited TCC to conduct mobile counselling in his village, and his son Timothy also requested VWC to conduct a 5 day workshop in their village.

(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 36)

***Box 6.4: Linda thought this was normal married life***

Linda and Derek were married for 5 years and have one boy and one girl. They live in a village in the interior of an island far away from other villages. One day Linda went to the small retail store in another village with her two children. This was a day when two VWC counsellors were there for mobile counselling, so she decided to sit in and listen to the awareness talk and discussion. During the talk, the counsellor noticed Linda sobbing. After the talk, the counsellor announced that they will spend two nights in the village, and welcome any woman who needs confidential counselling, or who would like to ask any further questions.

Linda went straight to the counsellor and asked for counselling. Linda thanked the counsellors for all the information and told her story. Ever since she married Derek, she never enjoyed her married life. She bore her children through marital rape. She said she thought that this was normal married life, like everyone else.

(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 40-41)

***Box 6.5: Nelly is saved from a forced marriage***

Nelly was 16 years old when her father David tried to force her to marry his nephew Jacob, because David was sick with cancer. Preparation for the marriage went on while Nelly was still in school. She did not like the idea of getting married, but her father insisted that get married while he is still alive.

On the day of the wedding Nelly woke up early in the morning and fled to her grandparent's village. But she did not follow the normal path, she took the path along the rocky shore. Her relatives looked for her everywhere but could not find her. Eventually, they went to the seaside and found her sitting underneath a tree with the piece of calico round her neck crying. She showed them the piece of cloth, and said if they take her to the village for marriage, she will take out her life.

One of her uncles who had been to one of VWC's community awareness events. He told her to follow him to his village, and that he would stop her dad from forcing her into marriage. She has kept in contact with the branch, and in 2024 her father is still alive, and she is now 21 years old.

(VWC internal monitoring and evaluation database, case study documented in 2024)





## Chapter 7: Impact of partner violence on women's health and wellbeing

### Box 7.1: Key findings on the health impacts of intimate partner violence

#### Injuries: what proportion of women living with partner violence are injured?

- Among those women who were ever subjected to physical or sexual partner violence, **more than 1 in 3 (34%) have been injured due to the violence.**
- Half (49%) have been injured once or twice, 3 in 10 (29%) were injured 3 to 5 times, and 21% (2 in 10) more than 5 times.
- Almost 2 in 10 (17%) were ever hurt badly enough to need health care, although some did not receive the health care needed, and did not tell health workers the cause of their injuries.
- Almost 2 in 10 (**16%) of women living with partner violence have lost consciousness** due to the abuse by their husbands and partners.

#### Impacts of partner violence on survivors' physical and mental health

- Women living with physical or sexual partner violence are significantly more likely to have moderate, severe or extreme physical pain and discomfort than those who have not experienced partner violence.
- They are also more likely to need to use health services in the past 4 weeks, and to spend at least one night in hospital in the past 12 months.
- Victims/survivors of partner violence are more likely to have emotional distress symptoms, and to think about and attempt suicide, compared with those without partner violence.
- Among those who have ever been injured due to violence, 19% (almost 2 in 10) now have a permanent disability.

#### Impacts of partner violence on reproductive health and rights

- Women living with partner violence are more likely to use contraception, and their last pregnancy is more likely to have been unwanted or mis-timed.
- Women beaten during pregnancy are more likely to have a stillbirth.
- 14% of women in Vanuatu have been subjected to one or more types of reproductive coercion in their lifetime (more than 1 in 10).

**Despite these many serious impacts, a key coping strategy for victims/survivors is to downplay the impacts of violence**, with only 16% saying it affects them a lot, and 45% saying that it has a small impact on their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

This chapter presents data on how partner violence impacts on women's health and well-being, among those women who said that they have ever experienced physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetimes, including the impact on women's ability to work. It compares the physical, mental and reproductive health status of ever-partnered women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence, with those who have not, including their use of health services. All rates are weighted unless otherwise noted (section 2.4).

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*"If the violence has an impact on her duties at home, or stops her from going to the garden – such as a hand injury – she will see it as an impact. But if she has been hit on the head and is forgetful as a result, she will not see it as having an impact."*

(VVC Interpretation Workshop, 25/3/2025)

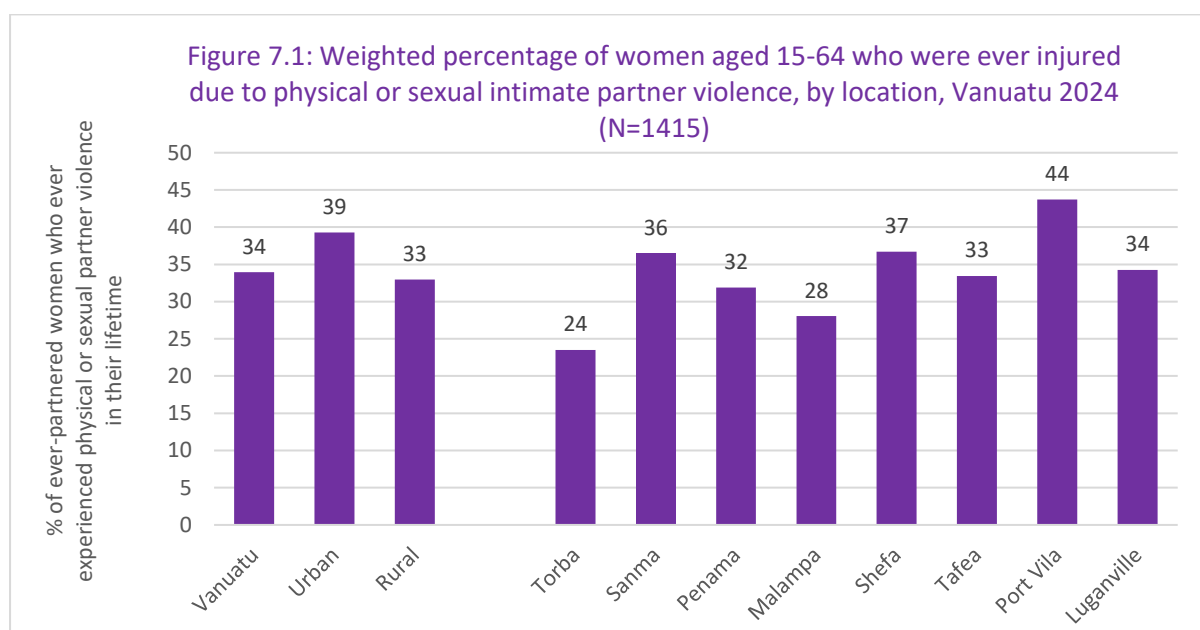
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## 7.1 Injuries due to partner violence

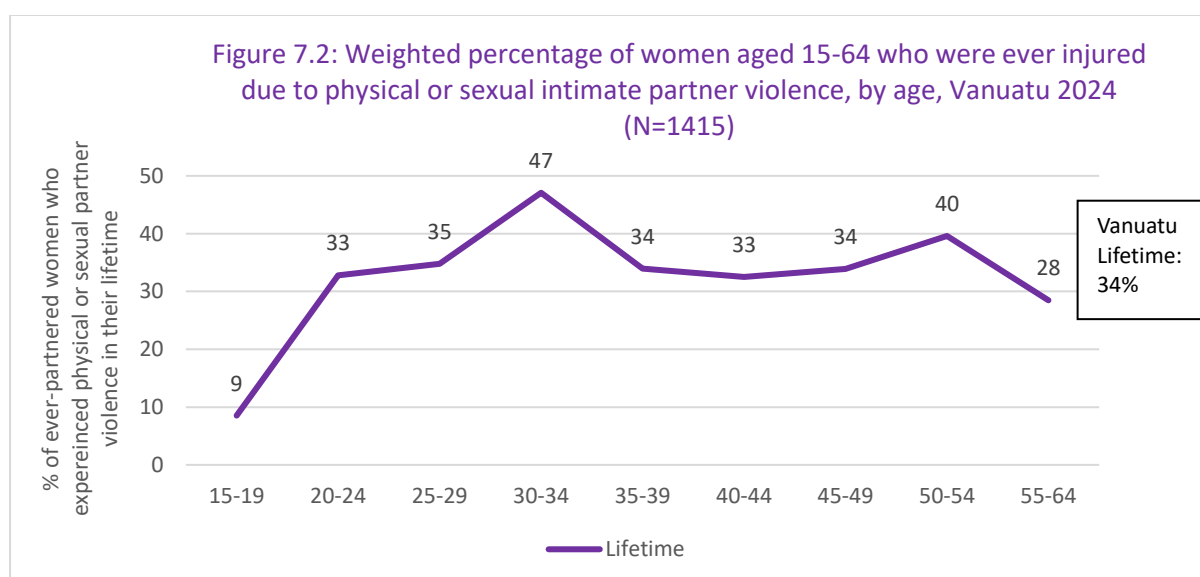
### How many women are injured due to physical or sexual partner violence?

Among the 52% of women in Vanuatu who ever experienced some form of physical or sexual violence, 34% (more than 3 in 10) have been injured by their husbands or partners in their lifetime, and 15% were injured in the last 12 months (Figure 7.1 and Table 7.2a of Annex 2).

Injury rates are somewhat higher in Port Vila than in other locations, with 44% of women who have experienced partner violence being injured, or more than 4 in 10. Other locations with higher than average injury rates are Shefa province (37%) and Sanma province (36%), compared with the national rate of 34% (Figure 7.1).



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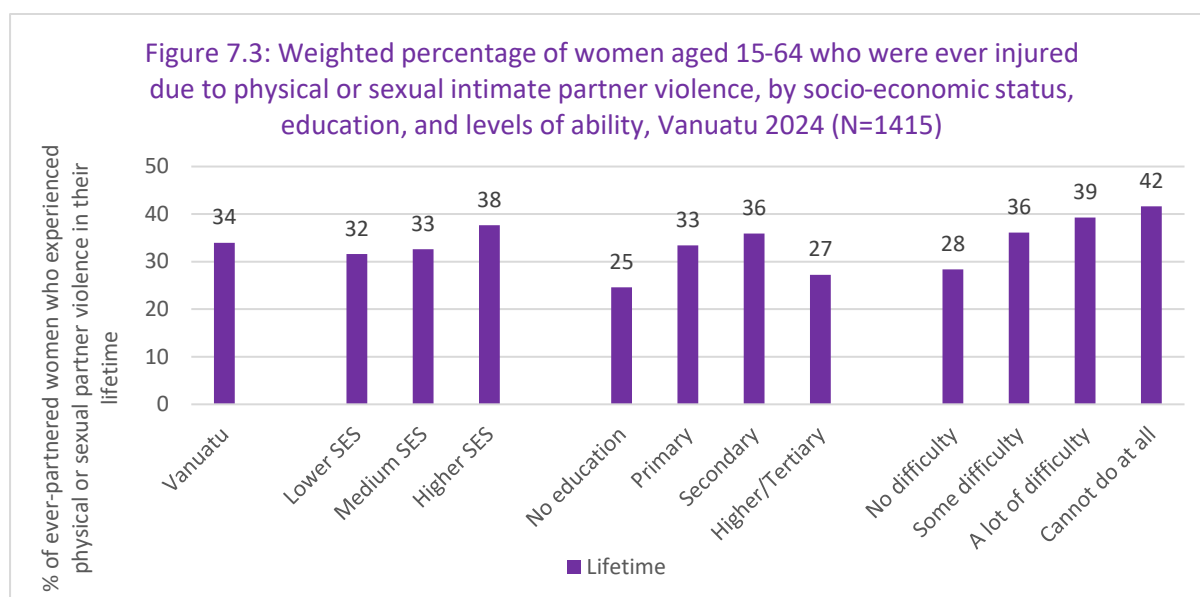
Although younger women are experiencing the highest prevalence rates of all forms of intimate partner violence (see chapter 4), they are not experiencing the highest rates of injury (Figure 7.2).



- Almost half of women aged 30-34 (47%) have been injured in their lifetime, and 40% (4 in 10) of those aged 50-54.
- This contrasts with 9% (about 1 in 10) of those aged 15-19.
- However, by the time women are in their twenties, more than 3 in 10 have already been injured at least once in their short lifetimes – 33% of those aged 20-24 and 35% of those aged 25-29.

Although women with higher socio-economic status are somewhat less likely to experience physical or sexual partner violence (see chapter 4), they are a little more likely to be injured in their lifetime (Figure 7.3).

- In contrast, women with no education (25%) and those with higher education (27%) are the least likely to be injured, and those with secondary education are the most likely (36%).



Source: Table 7.1, Annex 2.

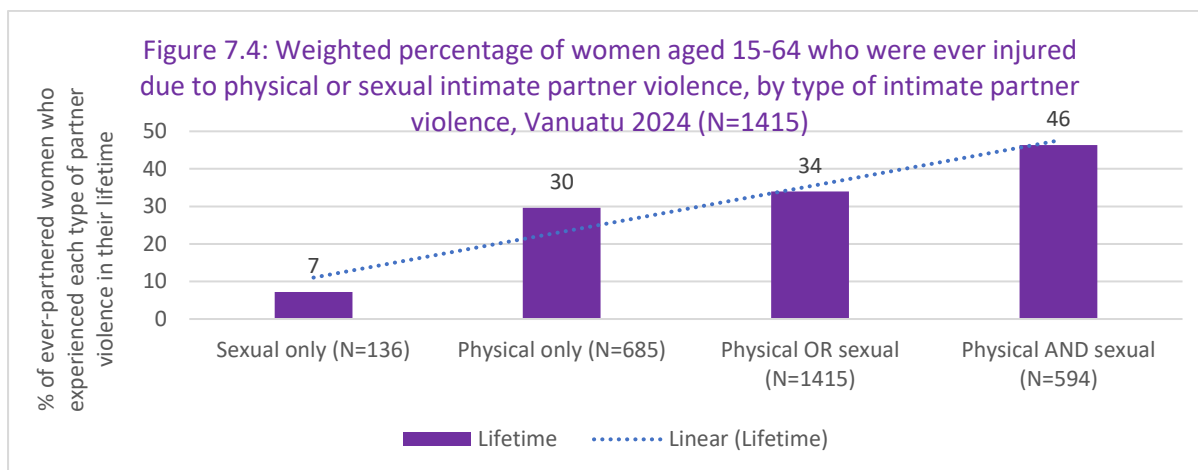
Disturbingly, injury rates increase steadily according to women's levels of ability (Figure 7.3).

- Those who have no functional disabilities are injured at lower rates (28%) than the national average of 34%, and those with a lot of functional difficulties and who cannot perform at least one function at all experience higher rates of injury (39% and 42% in total).
- Caution is needed when interpreting the data for those with the most serious functional disabilities (cannot do any one function at all). On the one hand, only 19 respondents in this category reported injury; but on the other hand, women with the most serious disabilities are least likely to be able to disclose either partner violence or their injuries.

Injury rates vary marginally by religion, with women from most faiths having injuries close to the national average of 34%. However, women who worship with Assemblies of God have higher rates of injury (45% or almost half) compared with the national average of 34%, and women who said they were Seventh Day Adventist have lower rates (27%), although this is still close to 1 in 3.

### How does the type of partner violence affect injury rates?

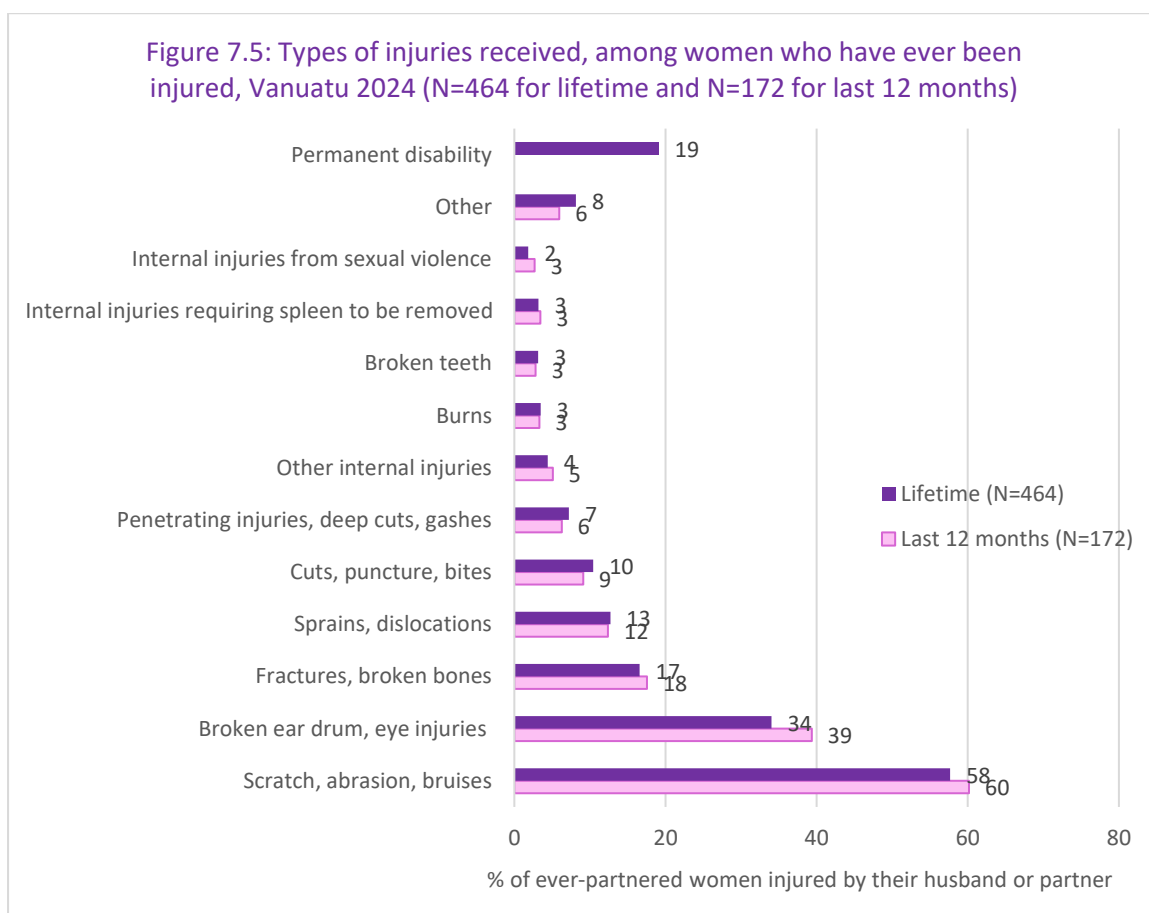
Women who experience only sexual partner violence are much less likely to be injured by their partner or husband (less than 1 in 10 or 7%). This compares with 3 in 10 (30%) for those who only experienced physical violence, and almost half (46%) for those who experience both physical and sexual partner violence (Figure 7.4).



Source: Table 7.1, Annex 2.

**How severely are women injured by their husbands and partners, and how often are they injured? What proportion of women need health care due to these injuries, and do they get the health care they need?**

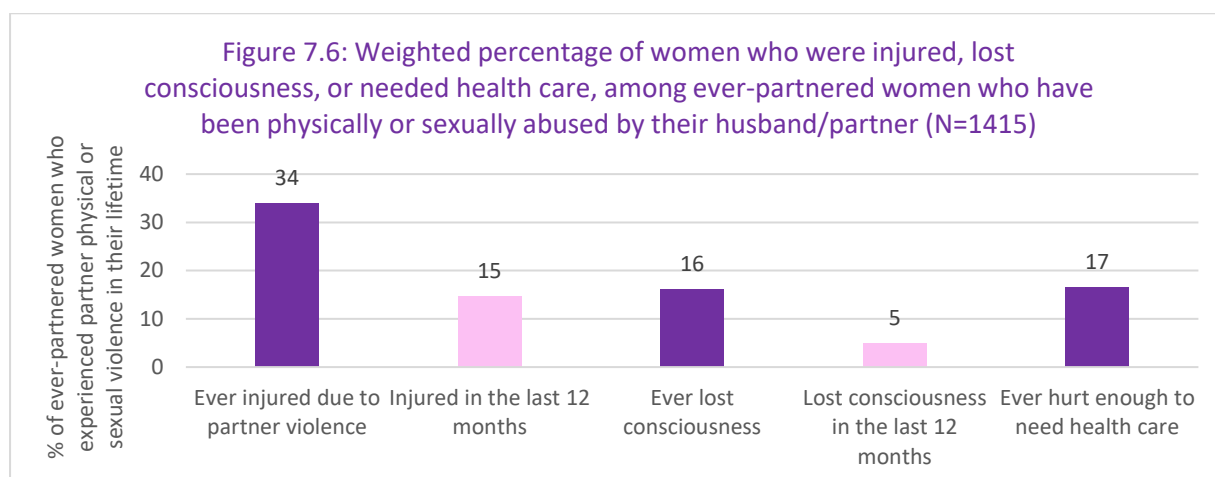
While the most common injuries are bruises and abrasions (58% of injured women receive these in their lifetime), **it is very disturbing that 19% of those injured already have a permanent disability due to their injuries** (Figure 7.5); this was self-identified by respondents (question 803c in Annex 1).



Source: Table 7.2b, Annex 2. Multiple answers could be given so the total exceeds 100%.

The data on disability alone indicates the seriousness of many injuries, and the physical pain that has been inflicted on women by husbands and partners. For example, among the 34% who have already been injured in their lifetime (Figure 7.5 and Table 7.2b of Annex 2):

- more than 3 in 10 have had broken ear drums or eye injuries (34%),
- more than 1 in 10 (13%) have had broken bones or fractures in their lifetimes,
- a further 13% have had sprains or dislocations,
- 1 in 10 (10%) have had cuts, punctures and bites in their lifetime, and
- 6% (almost 1 in 10) have had deep cuts, gashes or other types of penetrating injuries.



Source: Table 7.2a, Annex 2

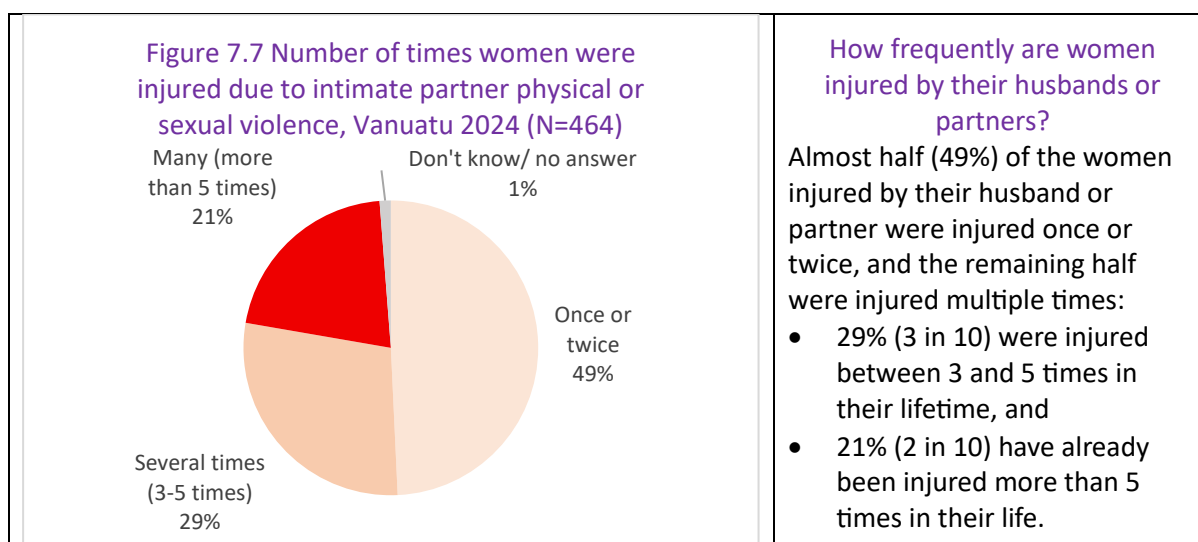
The very high prevalence rate of violence resulting in loss of consciousness is another indication of the seriousness of women's injuries and the severity of the violence perpetrated, although VWC staff in the interpretation workshop were in agreement that women themselves do not see this as a cause for any great concern. Sixteen percent of women living with partner violence have lost consciousness in their lifetime, and 5% in the last 12 months (Figure 7.6). Although the survey did not collect data on the frequency of concussions and loss of consciousness, VWC case study material suggests that a worrying proportion of women are concussed more than once in their lifetime.

*"If she has been hit on the head, and she has a physical scar, she will see the wound as an impact. But forgetfulness from being hit on the head and losing consciousness won't be seen as an impact, and won't necessarily be seen as being due to his violence."*

(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 25/3/2025)

Although 34% of women living with partner violence were injured by their partner, only 17% of respondents living with violence said that they were hurt badly enough to need to health care. Of these, about half (46% of the those needing health care) said that they needed health care in the last 12 months (Table 7.2 of Annex 2).

- However, only 78% (8 in 10) of these women actually received the health care they needed, and the remainder did not.
- Half of the women who needed health care (50%) were so badly hurt that they had to spend at least one night in hospital
- Among those who actually received health care, 85% told the health staff the cause of their injuries, but 15% did not.



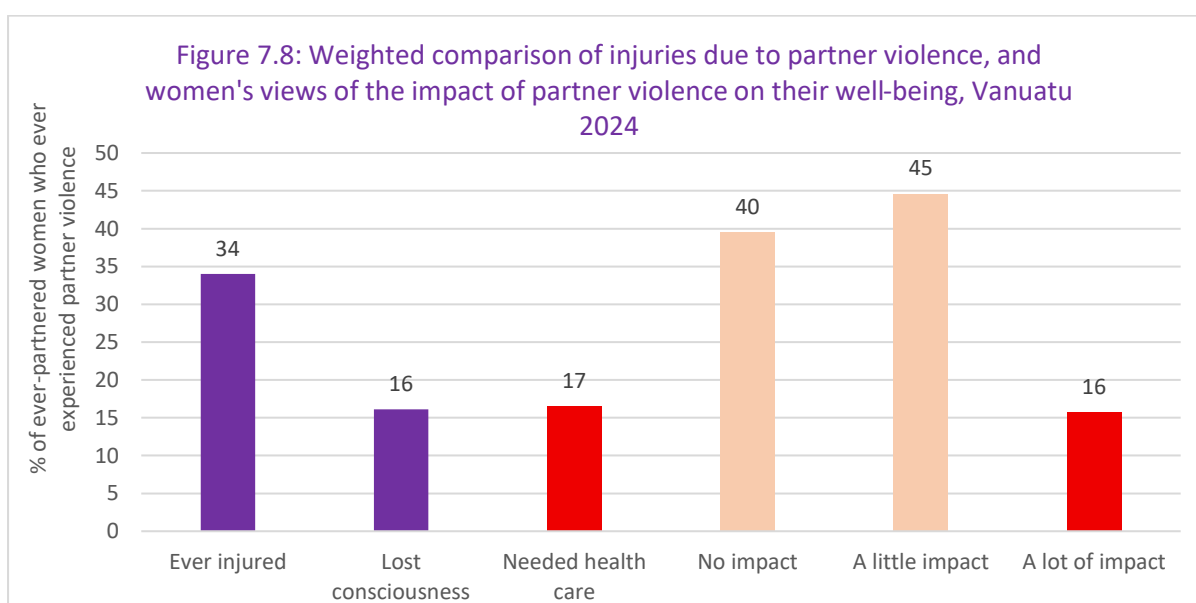
Source: Table 7.2a, Annex 2.

## 7.2 Self-reported impact of partner violence

### What do women say about the impact of partner violence on their well-being?

Women who had experienced physical or sexual violence from their husbands or partners were asked how his behaviour has affected their physical and emotional health and spiritual well-being. It is interesting to compare these responses with the data above on women's injuries.

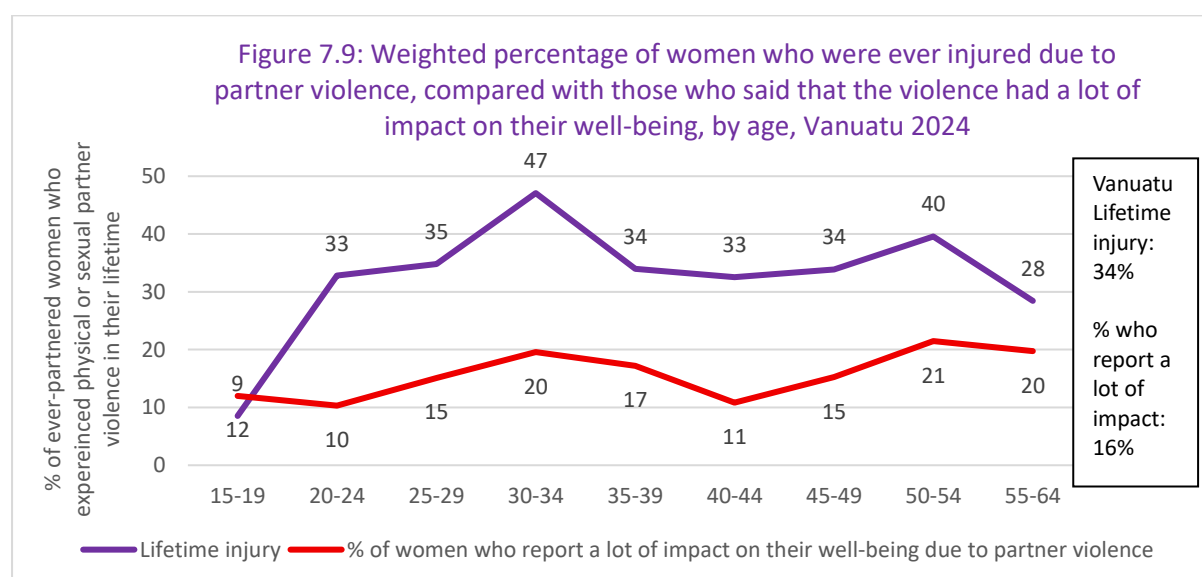
Only 16% of women said that violence by their husband or partner had a lot of impact on their health and well-being. This contrasts with 34% who listed injuries (half of whom had multiple injuries and 19% of whom now have a permanent disability), and 17% who have needed health care for their injuries due to partner violence already in their lifetime. The vast majority of women (85% or more than 8 in 10) said that the violence had little or no impact on their physical, emotional or spiritual well-being (Figure 7.8).



Sources: Table 7.2a and 7.3 of Annex 2. N=1415 for data on injuries (left-hand side of the chart) and 1414 for data on self-reported impact on well-being (right-hand side of the chart).

There are some differences worth noting in women's perceptions of the impact of violence on their health and well-being (Tables 7.1 and 7.3 of Annex 2, and Figure 7.9):

- Women in Port Vila and Sanma and Shefa provinces were more likely to say that the violence had affected them a lot, with 28% and 23% and 19% respectively compared with 16% nationally. This may be explained by the fact that these three locations also had the highest rates of injury due to partner violence (44%, 36% and 37% compared with 34% injured for Vanuatu as a whole).
- Young women aged 15-19 were more likely to say that partner violence had no effect on their wellbeing, with 52% responding in this way compared with 40% nationally. It is noteworthy that women in this age group were far less likely to be injured yet by their partners.
- If we compare those already injured by age group, with those who said that partner violence had affected them a lot, there appears to be a pattern emerging – women aged 30-34 and 50-54 were somewhat more likely to have already been injured in their lifetime, and these age groups were also more likely to think that the violence affected their health and well-being a lot. In contrast, only 9% of women aged 15-19 have already been injured, and 12% in this age group indicated that their husband's or partner's violence impacted them a lot (Figure 7.9).
- Women who are living with a lot of functional disabilities were also more likely to say that the violence impacted them a lot (26%) compared with 16% nationally, and once again, these women also reported a higher rate of injuries (39% compared with 34% nationally).



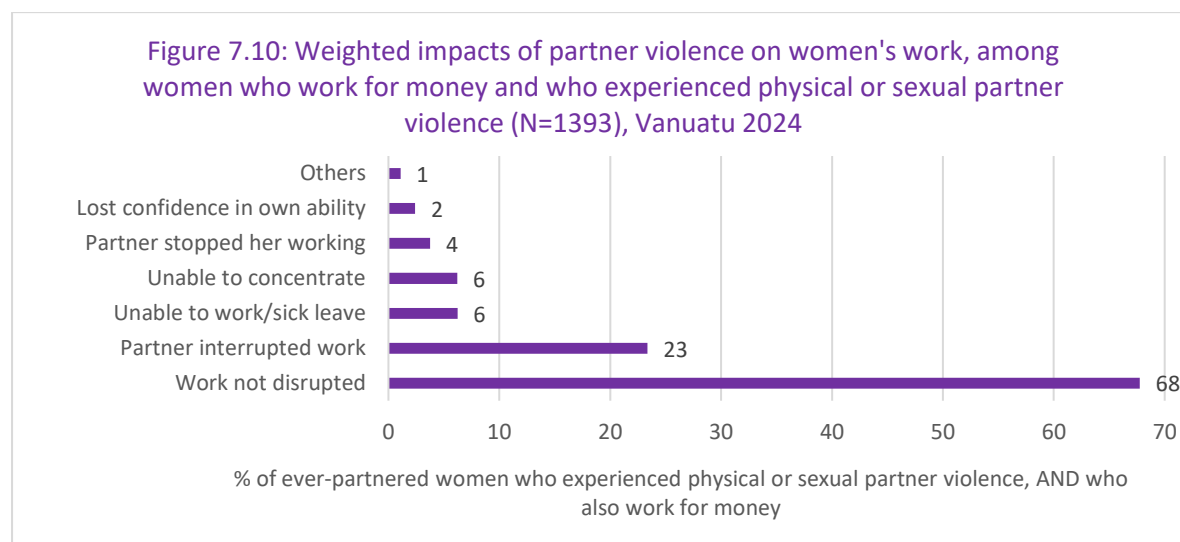
Sources: Table 7.1 and 7.3 of Annex 2. N=1415 for data on injuries and 1414 for self-reported impact.

*“Women say ‘Me taed finis’ – they say they are tired of the violence, but they don’t take the next step or think about how this is affecting them, until they cannot take anymore.”*

*“This is what we see in counselling – not only counselling, but also the women that we know in the community. They say the violence does not affect them too much, they put up with it.”*

### What do women say about the impacts of partner violence on their work?

Almost 7 out of 10 women say that their husband's/partner's violence does not disrupt their work or income-generation activities (68%). However, the remaining 32% do report some impact, although there is no way of knowing whether or how this correlates with the 34% who have already received injuries, the proportion of these who have already become permanently disabled, or needed health care for serious injuries.



Source: Table 7.4b, Annex 2. Percentages do not total 100% because multiple answers could be given.

Women were able to give multiple responses on how their work and income-generation activities were impacted by their husband's/partner's violence, and it is clear that for some women, his behaviour has had multiple impacts (Figure 7.10):

- More than 2 in 10 women (23%) say that their husband/partner has interrupted their work. There are many case studies in the VWC database that confirm this data, including among women who work in formal sector jobs – ranging from teachers to business houses and the public service. In addition, 4% report that he has actually stopped her from working.
- Six percent of women indicate that they have been unable to work due to his violence, and another 6% report that they have been unable to concentrate. Two percent report that they lost confidence in their own abilities.

There are no clear patterns in the impact that partner violence has on women's work relating to their religion, or levels of ability (Table 7.4a and 7.4b in Annex 2). However, there were a few differences or outliers in other characteristics:

- Women in Tafea were much more likely to report that they were unable to work or needed to take sick leave (26% compared with a national rate of only 6%).
- Young women aged 15-19 are a little more likely to say that their work was not disrupted (71% compared with 68% nationally); and women aged between 20-24 and 30-39 are a little more likely to have lost confidence in their own ability (4% for these age groups compared with 2% nationally).
- Women with higher socio-economic status or who have completed tertiary education were more likely to have their husband/partner stop them from working – 8% and 7% respectively reported this impact, compared to 4% nationally.



### 7.3 Partner violence and general health and physical symptoms

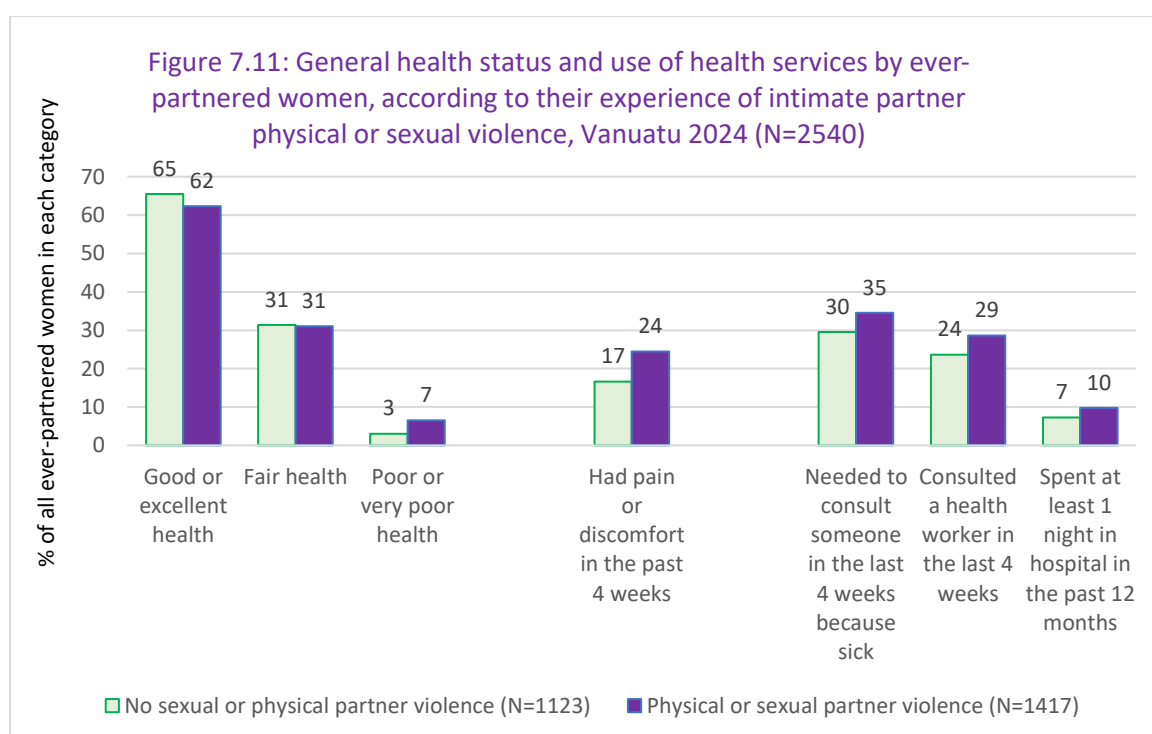
Women were asked a series of questions in sections 2 and 3 of the questionnaire about their physical, mental and reproductive health status, and their use of health services. These questions are designed to enable a reliable comparison to be made on several health indicators between ever-partnered women who have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes, and those who have not.

#### How does intimate partner violence affect women's physical health?

Women living with intimate partner physical or sexual violence are more likely to: experience poor or very poor health, need to consult a health worker in the last 4 weeks before the survey, and need to spend at least one night in hospital in the last 12 months before the survey.

When asked whether they would describe their health as excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor, women living with partner violence were more likely to report that their health was poor or very poor. All the following associations are statistically significant, with P values of less than 0.05, which indicates that the association is unlikely to be due to chance or other factors (Figure 7.11).

- Only 3% of those who are not living with partner violence reported having poor or very poor health, compared with 7% of those who are living with partner violence (P value of 0.016).
- When women were asked a slightly different question – whether they had been in pain or discomfort over the past 4 weeks – the differences are more pronounced. Among those not living with partner violence, 17% said that they had moderate, severe or extreme pain; this compares with 24% of those who are living with partner violence (with a highly significant P value of less than 0.001).



Sources: Tables 7.5a and 7.6, Annex 2. All associations shown in the above graph are statistically significant (unlikely to be due to chance) with P values of less than 0.05. Consultation with a health worker covers doctors, nurses, midwives, Aid Post workers or pharmacists.

Women were asked whether they had consulted anyone over the past 4 weeks because they were sick. Overall, 32% of women had done so. However, women who have not experienced partner

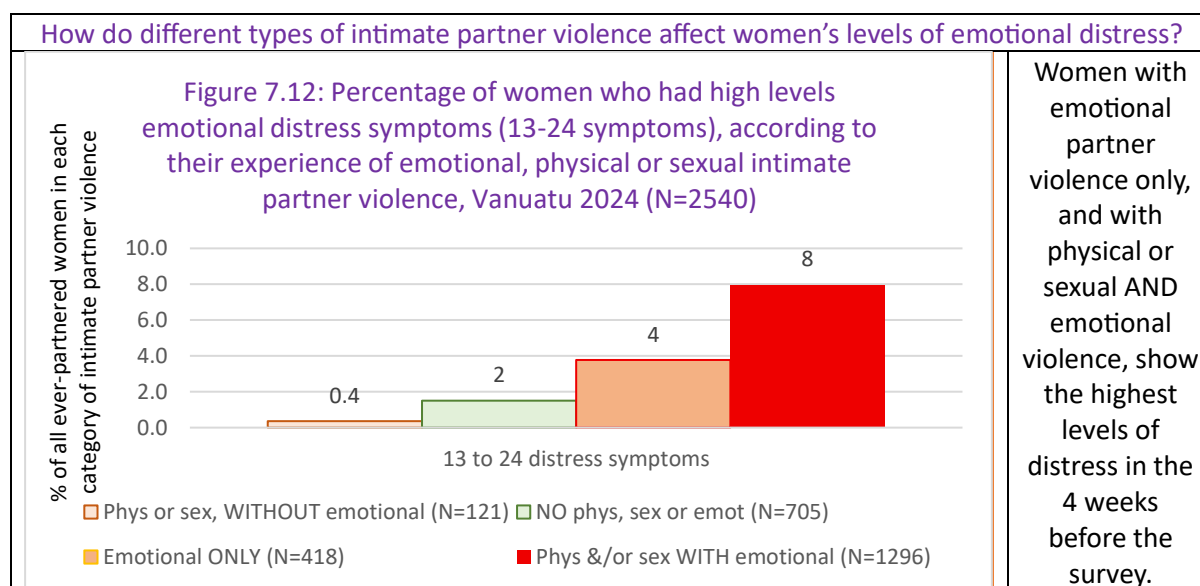
violence were less likely to need to consult someone (30%) compared with those who have experienced partner violence (35%, with a p value of 0.008, see Figure 7.11).

- Among those who needed to consult someone, women who are living with partner violence were more likely to consult a medical professional such as a doctor, nurse, midwife, Aid Post worker, or pharmacist (29%), compared with those who are not living with violence (24%, with a p value of 0.004).
- Although the findings were not statistically significant, 9% of those who are not living with violence consulted someone else in the last 4 weeks, compared to 11% of those who are living with violence. These consultations were with people such as custom doctors, church leaders or counselling services (Table 7.6 of Annex 2).
- Finally, women living with violence were more likely to spend at least one night in hospital over the last 12 months (10%), compared with those who are not living with partner violence (7% with a p value of 0.030).

## 7.4 Partner violence and mental health

### How does intimate partner violence affect women's mental health?

As noted in chapter 2, 6 questions from the Kessler Screening Scale for Psychological Distress were used to assess psychological distress in the last 4 weeks before the survey. Respondents were asked whether they experienced each of the symptoms none of the time (which receives a score of 0), a little of the time (scoring 1), some of the time (scoring 2), most of the time (scoring 3) and all of the time (scoring 4). Aggregating responses to the 6 questions yields a score of between 0 (no distress symptoms experienced on any of the 6 measures) and 24 (experienced each of the 6 indicators all of the time over the past 4 weeks); the higher the score, the greater the likelihood that the respondent is experiencing depression or other forms of psychological distress (Kessler et. al. 2002). Respondents were also asked about suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts in their lifetime and in the last 12 months (see Annex 1 questions 209 to 211b).



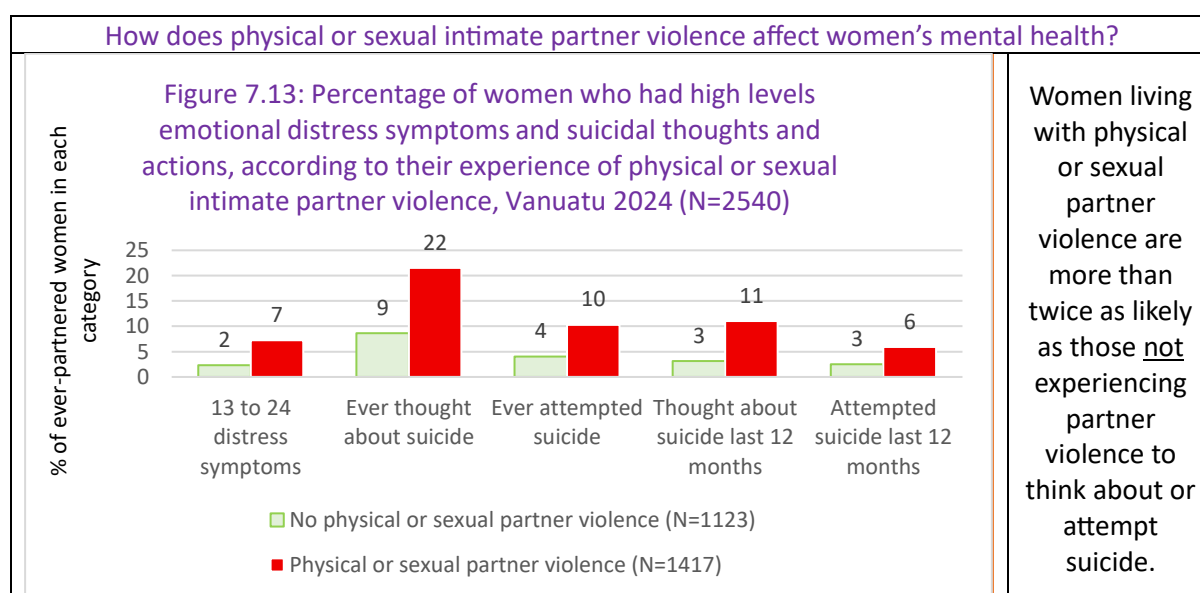
Source: Table 7.5b, Annex 2.

Some P values are statistically significant when comparing the different combinations of intimate partner violence, whereas others are not (Figure 7.12). There can be no doubt that women who are only experiencing emotional partner violence (and not physical or sexual partner violence) are more likely to be living with high levels of emotional distress, with 4% experiencing 13 to 24 distress symptoms in the past 4 weeks, compared with less than 2% of those who have not experienced

physical, sexual or emotional partner violence, and 8% who are living with a combination of the three forms (Figure 7.12).

If we restrict the comparison to those with and without physical or sexual partner violence (and remove emotional violence from the picture), every indicator of emotional distress and suicidality is highly statistically significant (with P values for most indicators of less of 0.001, see Table 7.5a of Annex 2). This analysis shows us that physical and sexual violence is a significant risk factor for mental health problems (Figure 7.13):

- Seven percent of women living with physical or sexual partner violence were experiencing very high level of emotional distress symptoms in the 4 weeks prior to the survey, compared with 2% of those not living with violence.
- More than 2 in 10 (22%) women living with intimate partner physical or sexual violence have thought about suicide in their lifetime, and more than 1 in 10 of these women (11%) have done so in the past 12 months before the survey. This compares with 9% and 3% respectively for those who have never experienced partner violence.
- One in 10 women living with violence (10%) – a shockingly high rate – have attempted suicide in their lifetime, and 6% in the 12 months before the survey. This compares with 4% and 3% respectively among those women who have never experienced physical or sexual partner violence.

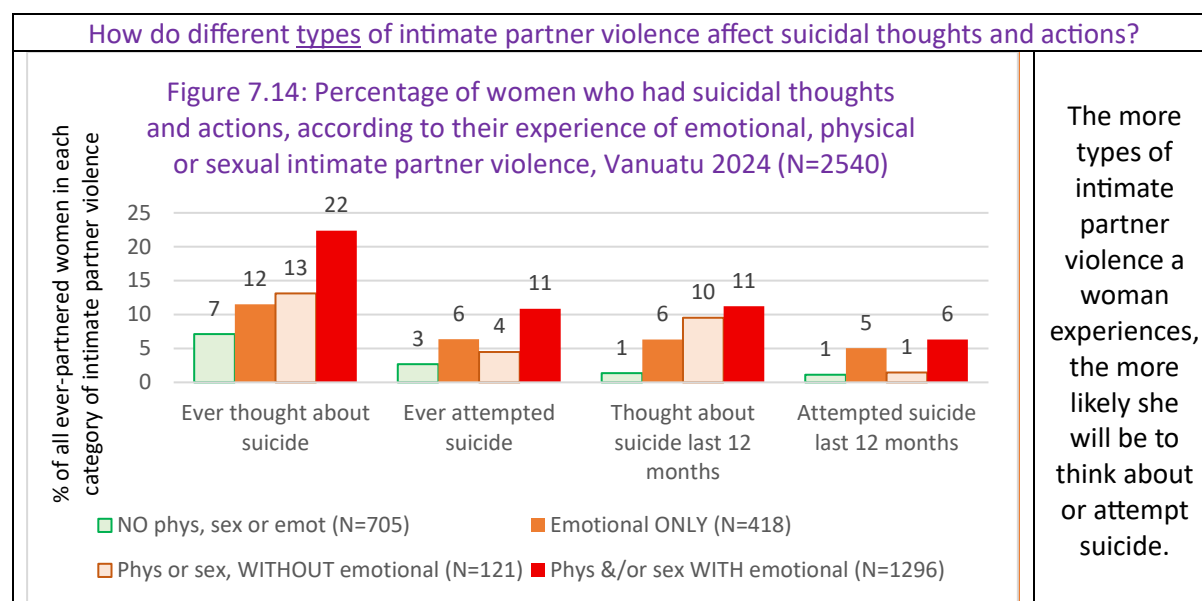


Source: Table 7.5b, Annex 2. All associations are highly statistically significant.

*“During counselling, many women describe the emotional distress symptoms that we see in the data. This is how they are feeling, and they come for counselling when they cannot take it anymore.” (VWC Interpretation Workshop, 25/3/2025)*

The picture is more complex when physical and/or sexual violence are considered alongside emotional violence (Figure 7.14). Nevertheless, it is clear that the group most likely to attempt to take their own life are women who are living with a combination of these 3 forms of violence – that is, either physical and/or sexual with emotional violence: 11% of these women have attempted suicide in their lifetime and 6% in the last 12 months, compared with 3% and 1% of those who have not experienced any of these 3 forms of partner violence in their lifetime (see Table 7.5b). Moreover,

emotional violence is a risk factor for suicidal thoughts and actions even when that is the only form of violence that a woman is experiencing (Figure 7.14 and Table 7.5b of Annex 2).



Source: Table 7.5b, Annex 2.

## 7.5 Partner violence and reproductive health

In section 3 of the questionnaire, women were asked a series of questions on their reproductive history and health, in addition to questions on the use of contraception and acts of reproductive coercion committed by their husbands or partners. Data analysis compares reproductive health outcomes and rights for women who have experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence, with those who have not.

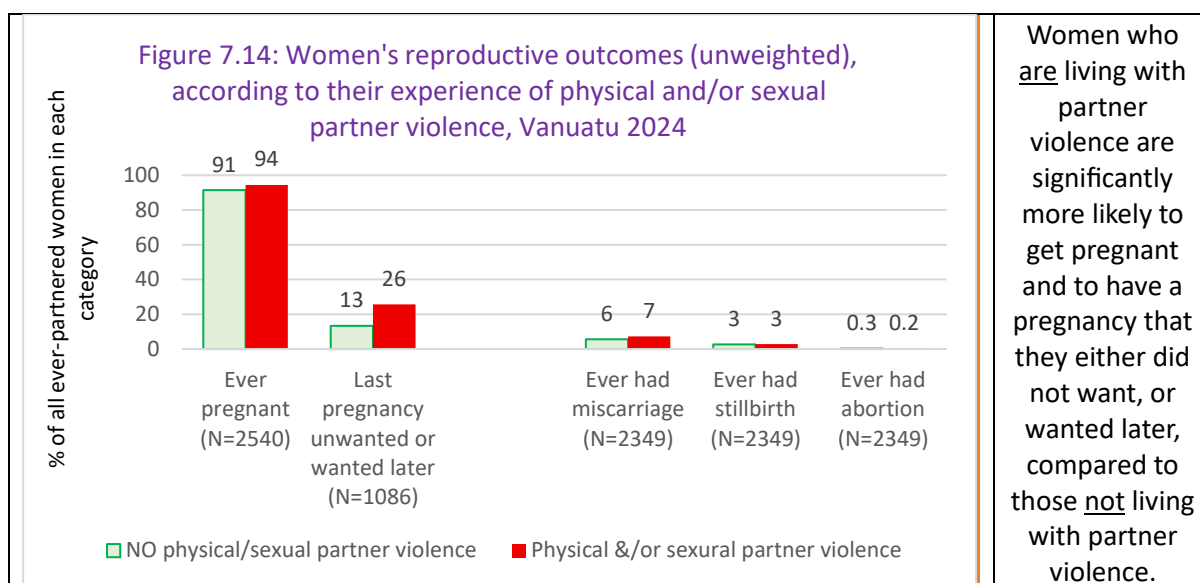
### How does intimate physical or sexual partner violence impact on women's reproductive outcomes?

Comparing all ever-partnered women living with and without intimate partner violence suggests that women living with violence have less control over their reproductive health and rights, particularly in relation to the timing of pregnancies (Figure 7.14).

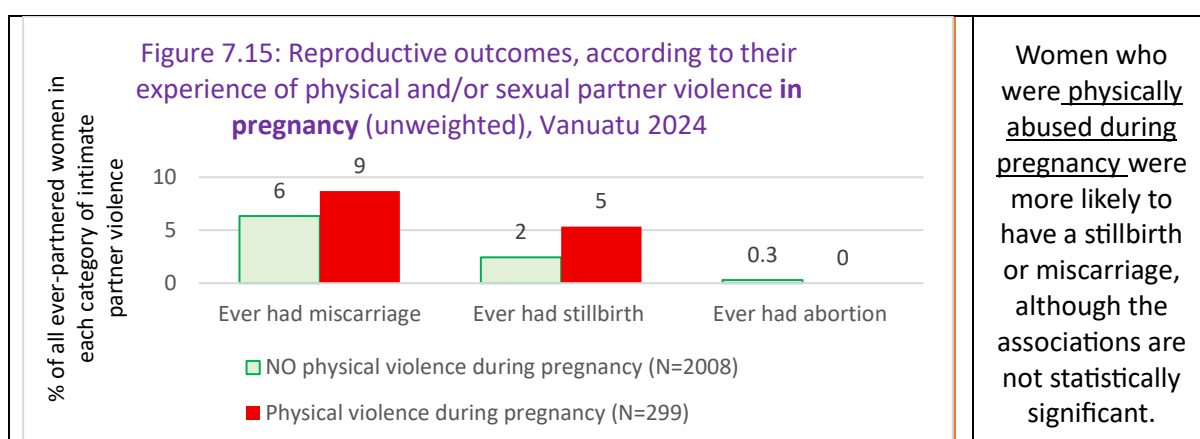
- Among women living with physical or sexual partner violence, 26% (almost 3 in 10) said that their most recent pregnancy was either unwanted or wanted later. This compares with 13% of those who are not living with partner violence (about 1 in 10).

The impact of partner violence on reproductive outcomes is more pronounced when we limit the analysis to compare those who were physically abused during their pregnancy, compared with those who were not, although it should be noted that these comparisons do not meet the test of statistical significance (Figure 7.15).

- Six percent of those not physically abused in pregnancy had a miscarriage, compared to 9% for those who were abused (about 1 in 10).
- Only 2% of those who were not physically abused in pregnancy had a stillbirth, compared to 5% who were abused during pregnancy.
- Very few women have an abortion in Vanuatu, and there were none at all who did so in the sample of women beaten during pregnancy.



Source: Table 7.7, Annex 2. N=2540 ever-partnered women for ever-pregnant data (P value 0.003); N=1086 for women who had a pregnancy in the last 5 years and answered questions on their most recent pregnancy (P value <0.001); N=2349 for ever-pregnant for miscarriage, still birth and abortion data on right-hand side of chart (P values not statistically significant for right-hand bars of the chart).



Source: Table 7.7, Annex 2. P values were not statistically significant (0.392, 0.053 and 1.000 from left to right).

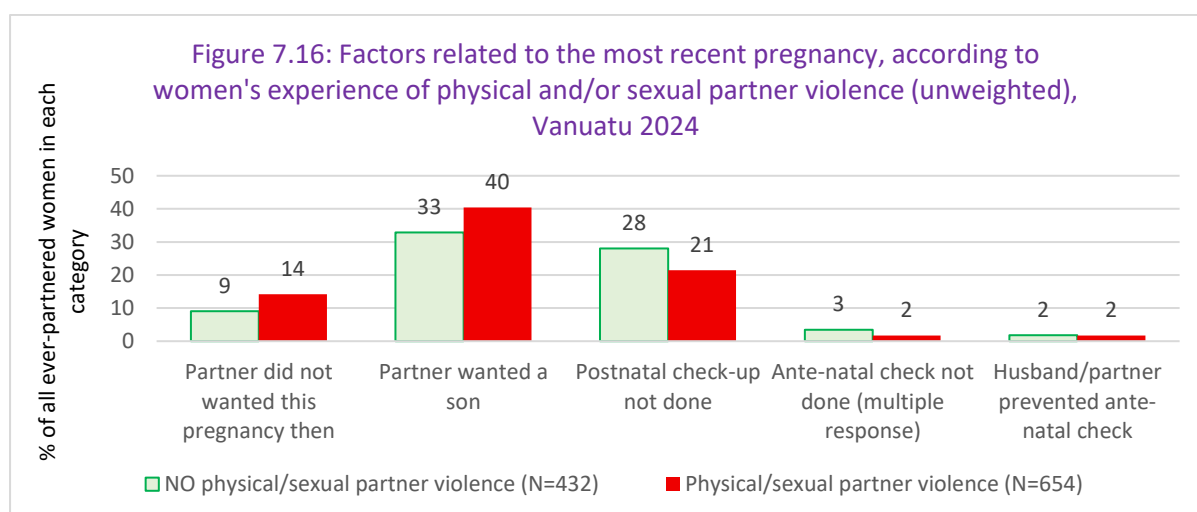
### How does intimate physical or sexual partner violence impact on other aspects of reproduction?

A series of questions were asked on circumstances surrounding the most recent pregnancy, which for most respondents occurred in the last 5 years.

Comparing women living with and without partner violence shows several troubling issues for women subjected to violence, with statistically significant associations (Figure 7.16).

- Partners were less likely to want the pregnancy at the time it occurred for women living with violence (14%) compared with 9% for those who have not experienced physical or sexual partner violence (P value of 0.010).
- Husbands and partners were more likely to want a son in relationships where physical and sexual violence had been perpetrated: 40% of women living with violence said this was the case, compared with 33% of those who had not experienced partner violence (P value of 0.013).
- Women were less likely to have a post-natal check-up done if they were living with violence (21% compared to 28% for those who had not experienced violence, with a P value of 0.013).

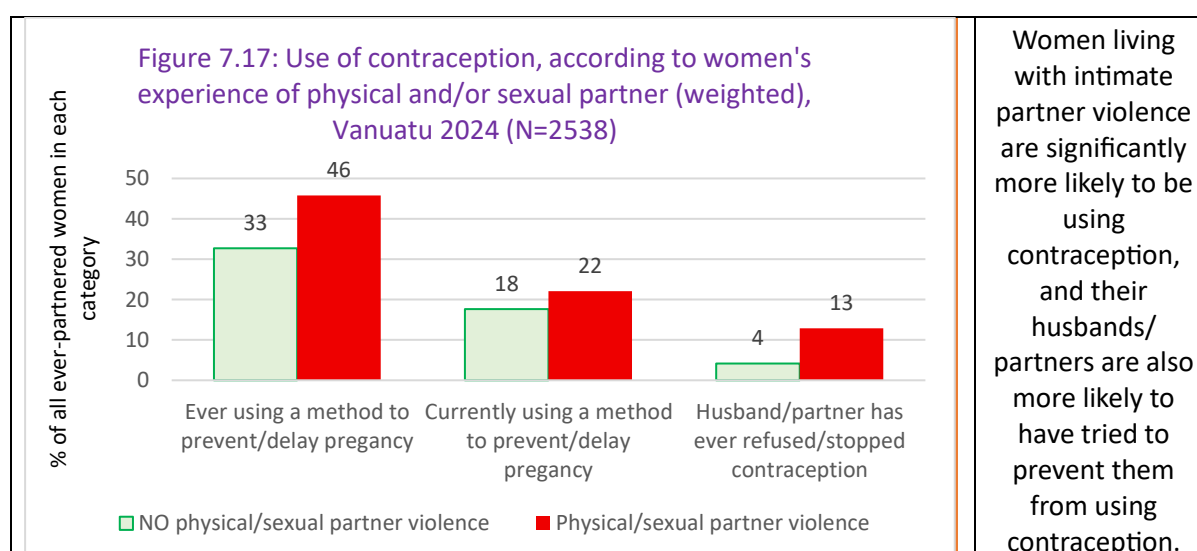
- Although differences are also observed for ante-natal checks, these are minimal and not statistically significant: 2% of women living with partner violence did not have an ante-natal check, compared with 3% for those who had not experienced violence (P value of 0.069).



Source: Table 7.8, Annex 2. P values were statistically significant for first 3 left-hand bars of the chart (0.010, 0.013 and 0.013 from left to right). Most recent pregnancy related in most cases to the last 5 years.

### How does physical or sexual partner violence impact on women's use of contraception?

Almost half of the women living with physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence (46%) have ever used a method of contraception to prevent or delay pregnancy. This compares to 33% of women who have not experienced partner violence (about 3 in 10, with a statistically significant P value of less than 0.001). At the same time, survivors of violence are three times more likely to have had their husband or partner either refuse contraception, or stop her from taking contraception, as those who have not experienced partner violence: 13% (more than 1 in 10) of women living with partner violence have been prevented from using contraception, compared with 4% of those who are not living with violence (with a statistically significant P value of less than 0.001, Figure 7.17).



Source: Table 7.9a, Annex 2. P values are <0.001, 0.053 and <0.001 from left to right.



Women whose husbands or partners had prevented them from using contraception were asked how he had let them know that he disapproved of contraception. Multiple answers were given by women (Table 7.10 in Annex 2, note that percentages total more than 100%:

- 89% of women said that he told her that he did not approve.
- 10% said that he shouted or got angry with her.
- 6% said he threatened to beat her.
- 2% said that he did beat or hit her, that he took or destroyed her method of contraception (2%), or that he told his or her relatives that he disapproved (2%).
- Other answers included that he threatened to get another woman (1%), actually did get another woman (0.5%), or he left home temporarily (0.2%).
- Seven percent of women also mentioned a range of other reasons.

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*“Usually men want their wives to get pregnant.”*

*“If a woman wants contraception, he thinks she is cheating. They don’t want women to take contraception when they go overseas for seasonal work.”*

*“Even though the men do not approve, many women take contraception anyway.”*

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 25/3/2025)*

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### How many women are subjected to forms of reproductive coercion?

In addition to asking about whether or not husbands and partners prevented women from taking contraception, three new questions were included in the questionnaire to enable a measure of the prevalence of reproductive coercion.

**Overall, 14% of women in Vanuatu (more than 1 in 10) were subjected to at least one of four acts of reproductive coercion in their lifetime.** Women living with physical or sexual partner violence experience twice the rate of reproductive coercion (18% or almost 2 in 10), compared with 9% (1 in 10) of those who have not experienced these two other forms of intimate partner violence (Figure 7.18).

It is clear from the data that many of the women subjected to reproductive coercion have experienced more than one type over their lifetime (Figure 7.18).

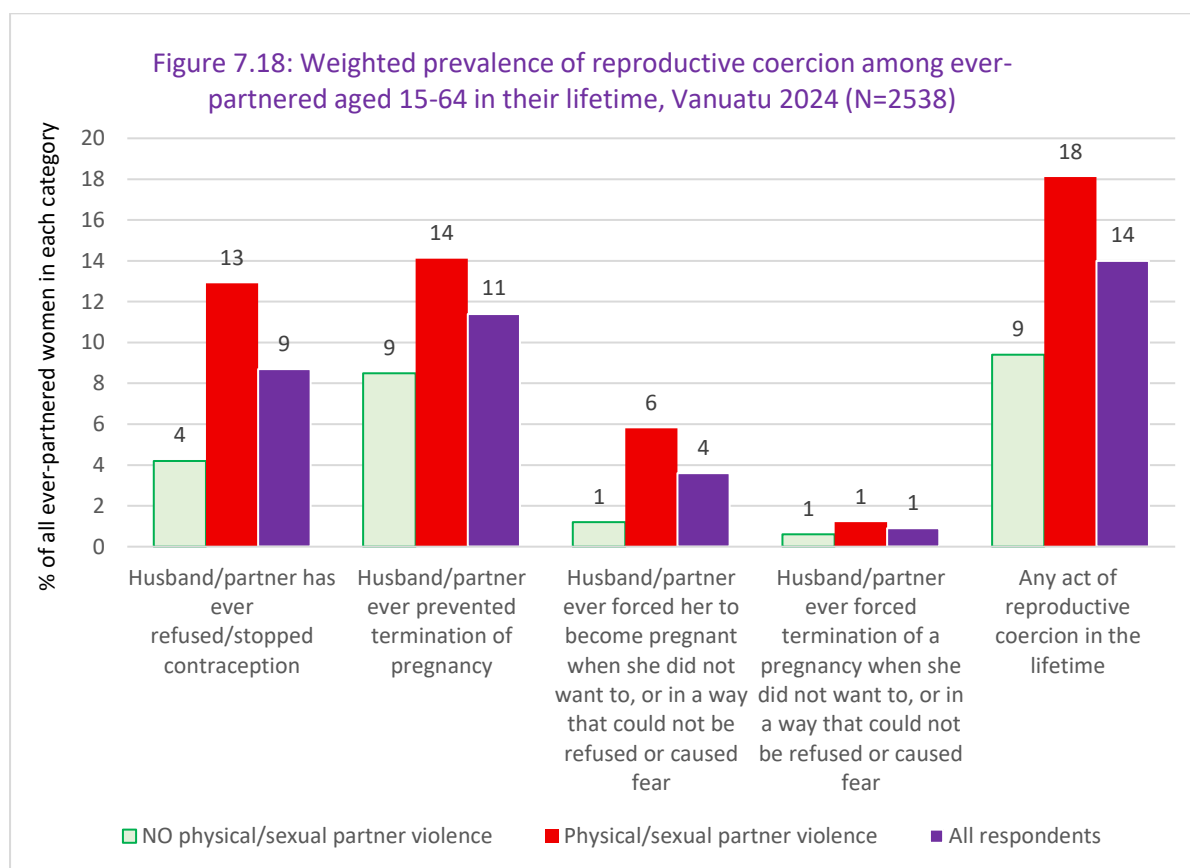
- The most common form of reproductive coercion is husbands and partners preventing the termination of a pregnancy, with more than 1 in 10 women experiencing this at least once in their lifetime (11%). However, 14% of those who are living with physical or sexual partner violence have been subjected to this coercion, compared with 9% of those who have never experienced physical or sexual partner violence (statistically significant with a P value of 0.003). This finding is interesting when considered alongside the fact that 26% of women said that their most recent pregnancy was either unwanted, or mis-timed (Figure 7.14).
- The second most common form of reproductive coercion is the one already discussed above – the husband or partner either refusing to use contraception himself, or preventing her from using it in some way or another. This affects 9% of women overall in Vanuatu (almost 1 in 10), and those living with physical or sexual partner violence have a significantly higher prevalence rate of 13% (P value of less than 0.001).
- Overall, 4% of women have been forced to become pregnant when they did not want to, in a way that either caused them to be afraid, or that they could not refuse. Once again, women living in relationships characterised by physical or sexual violence are significantly more likely to be subjected to this abuse, with 6% having experienced this in their lifetime compared with only 1% among women who are not living with partner violence (P value of less than 0.001).

- Forced termination is very rare in Vanuatu with less than 1% experiencing this, but again, women living with partner violence are more likely to be subjected to this, albeit marginally so (1.2% for those living with partner violence compared with 0.6% for those who are not).

*“We know of cases where he forces her to terminate a pregnancy when she doesn’t want to – she takes a custom medicine using some leaves, and it makes her sick.”*

(VWC Interpretation workshop 25/3/2025)

Discussion of these findings in the interpretation workshop provide some important context to these findings: abortion is illegal in Vanuatu. So, when women attempt to terminate a pregnancy (or are prevented from doing so) it is likely that respondents are referring to the use of custom medicines.



Source: Table 7.9a, Annex 2. P values are <0.001, 0.003, <0.001, 0.142 (for forced termination) and <0.001 (any act of coercion), from left to right.

## 7.6 Summary of patterns and conclusions on the impacts of partner violence on women's health and well-being

**Most physical, mental and reproductive health indicators show statistically significant associations between poor health outcomes and greater use of health services for women who are living with intimate partner violence**, compared with those who are not. All the data – on physical health impacts and injuries, mental health impacts, and reproductive health and rights – have potentially profound and long-term impacts on women's lives.

**The data puts a clear spotlight on the important role that the health sector can play in assisting women living violence.** It is vital for health staff to understand the issue of violence against women, including its many forms and its range of consequences, to be able to respond sensitively, confidentially, expeditiously and in a non-judgemental manner when women seek health care, whether or not women reveal the true cause of their health issues. There are many important opportunities in the health sector: both for health workers to recognise potential cases of violence; and for increasing women's own understanding of the way that domestic violence and other forms of violence against women and girls will impact on their health over the short- and long-term.

The Vanuatu survey data adds to a growing evidence base which documents the major impact of men's violence against women and girls on the overall burden of disease among adult women (for example, WHO 2013, Ayre et. al 2016 and VicHealth 2004). The Victorian Health Promotion Association summarised the impact as follows (VicHealth 2004: 8):

*"... intimate partner violence is all too common, has severe and persistent effects on women's physical and mental health and carries with it an enormous cost in terms of premature death and disability. Indeed it is responsible for more preventable ill-health and premature death in Victorian women under the age of 45 than any other of the well-known risk factors, including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking."*

While the data in this chapter focuses exclusively on intimate partner violence, a recent VWC case study highlights the fact that health sector responses are crucial for both non-partner and partner violence, and one of many key roles that health staff can play in assisting women and girls (Box 7.2).

### Box 7.2: A male nurse makes a big difference to a student's life

One of the male nurses at a provincial hospital was nominated by VWC to attend the 4-week regional training program offered by the Fiji Women's Counselling Centre. He has also attended VWC's male advocacy training. Recently, a student who had been sexually assaulted was taken to hospital. The initial medical report was tampered with by a nurse who was related to the defendant. The dishonest report covered up the medical evidence of sexual assault and related injuries. However, the male advocate nurse on duty provided a detailed medical report which assisted in the sexual assault court case. Due to his honest report of the injuries, the perpetrator was sentenced for 9 years for the crime of sexual abuse. We say thanks to the hospital for their honesty following the initial misleading report, given the potential mental health impacts on the victim/survivor of not being believed, if the false report had not been corrected. As a result of this incident, the Health Manager from the Hospital has asked for an awareness workshop from the local VWC branch. (Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2025b: 63)

Several key areas where there is potential for VWC and the health sector to work more closely together were noted by VWC staff during the workshop, and where the data from this report may be used to improve and reinforce good current practices. These areas include:

- in dealing with and documenting physical injuries due to partner violence or other forms of violence against women and girls;
- at national and provincial levels through Mental Health Committees to identify and respond appropriately to women at risk of suicide; and
- at ante-natal clinics where issues relating to reproductive health and rights can be raised.

**Limitations of the data on physical and mental health impacts: evidence from VWC's qualitative database indicates that women tend to under-estimate the impacts of intimate partner violence**

VWCs' overall assessment of the findings of this chapter, when considered alongside their experience with counselling, and the evidence in the qualitative database, is that women tend to under-estimate all the various health impacts of intimate partner violence – physical, mental and reproductive – and that this is an important coping strategy for women. Many examples were provided in the VWC interpretation workshop to support this conclusion.

VWC's two surveys in 2009 and 2024 asked women whether or not their injuries due to partner violence have caused a permanent disability; this question (at the time of writing) has not been used in any other versions of the WHO approach, although there is some evidence that points to various forms of disability as an impact of domestic violence (VicHealth 2004: 10). This is an area worthy of further exploration both in Vanuatu and internationally. As noted above, 19% of women who were ever injured indicated that they now have a permanent disability; **this equates to about 6% of all women living with physical or sexual partner violence** (Table 7.2b of Annex 2). Even though the questionnaire directs interviewers to refer to the six areas of functional disability identified by the Washington Group (Washington Group on Disability Statistics 2020), VWC's experience and qualitative evidence indicates that visible physical injuries are the ones that women commonly focus on (and within that category, injuries and disabilities that prevent them from doing their daily work, such as gardening) – and not the longer-term mental health impacts of different types of domestic violence.

Recent research indicates that even mild concussions (without loss of consciousness) may have significant impacts on physical and mental health, emotional well-being, and suicidality. While most of this research is based on the impact of concussions in sport, the evidence of damaging impacts due to domestic violence is also growing. For example, a recent study indicates that having as few as 3 concussions can contribute to cognitive decline in later life (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024). Other potential long-term impacts are chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) whose symptoms include memory loss, confusion, depression and dementia, as well as mood disorders (Brain Foundation 2025). A 2018 longitudinal study compared the outcomes of brain injuries and impacts due to domestic violence, with those from major brain traumas caused by accidents (Brain Injury Australia et. al. 2018: 17):

*"... family violence-related cases demonstrated poorer function, lower odds of return to work, and higher prevalence of pain, anxiety and depression than major trauma cases injured in accidents. Health-related quality of life, and in particular, mental health, was significantly poorer in the family violence group."*

VWC's qualitative evidence strongly indicates that the majority of women – and their families and communities – under-estimate the severity of loss of consciousness, and the long-term consequences which may arise from repeated head knocks due to intimate partner violence.

**This is clearly an issue which should raise alarm bells for all stakeholders, including**

**How do ni-Vanuatu women see the impacts of concussion?**

*"They do not see it as an issue because the violence is being tolerated by them, and it is seen as normal. We know it has an impact, but they don't actually see it – they only see it if there is a physical sign."*

(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 25/11/2025)

those in the health sector, given the very high prevalence of concussive injuries in Vanuatu, where women actually lose consciousness (16% in the lifetime and 6% in the last 12 months among ever-partnered women living with partner violence). Greater awareness and understanding of the potential impacts of repeated concussions are needed throughout the community, including among victims/survivors and perpetrators. It would be advisable for future surveys (and health administrative data) to collect data on the frequency of concussions, given that VWC sees many women who suffer from multiple concussions (Box 7.3).

**Box 7.3: She didn't see the concussion or her bleeding as an issue**

The client was unconscious twice due to his violence, and she was bleeding the second time. But when she came for counselling, she only wanted to focus on the current issue she was facing. She didn't complain about anything that was related to unconsciousness and didn't want to talk about that or the bleeding. Her presenting issue was that her partner was consuming drugs, marijuana – and not providing any food. Her injury and bleeding were not the issue – it was the food on table.”  
(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, unpublished, shared at the VWC Interpretation Workshop, 25/3/2025)

The prevalence of concussions is one of many factors that may confound interpretations of the survey data on suicidal ideation and action, including the role of emotional violence as a suicide risk on its own account. Nevertheless, it is clear that **the association between emotional violence and suicidal thoughts and actions should provide a sign to all stakeholders to always take this form of violence very seriously**, and certainly at least as seriously as physical or sexual violence.

One limitation of the analysis presented in this report is that there is no exploration of the potential associations between other forms of violence – such as coercive control or financial violence – and emotional distress and suicidal thoughts and actions. However, the damaging mental health impacts of coercive control are now quite widely accepted and documented; these include post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, low self-esteem, lack of confidence, and inability to make decisions (MacDonald et. al. 2024: 23-25). As noted in chapter 4, Vanuatu has a disturbingly high prevalence of coercive control among ever-partnered women (more than 7 in 10 ever-partnered women, see section 4.5). Moreover, the fact that 3 in 10 women are living with more than 3 types of domestic violence today (in the last 12 months before the survey), and 49% in their lifetime should also be taken into account when assessing the overall mental health burden of partner violence.

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*“When they are faced with emotional violence, it undermines their self-esteem and self-confidence, and they tend to blame themselves. Only when they have injuries will they come in.”*

*In one recent case, the counsellor discussed the client's options with her, including taking an out a Family Protection Order (FPO), because of the impact that both the emotional and physical violence was having on her day-to-day life. In the end, she said she would give him another chance. The next time she came in, she was blind in one eye, and that is when she decided to take out the FPO.”*

(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, unpublished, shared at the VWC Interpretation Workshop, 25/3/2025)

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## Chapter 8: Impact of partner violence on children, and intergenerational impacts

### *Box 8.1: Key findings on how intimate partner violence affects children*

#### **How does intimate partner violence affect the behaviour and well-being of children?**

- The children of women living with partner violence are significantly more likely to have a range of behavioural problems than those of women who have not experienced partner violence, including a failure to progress at school.

#### **Are children witnessing the violence against their mothers?**

- More than half (52%) of the women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence said that their children had witnessed the violence perpetrated by their husband or partner.
- In addition, more than 1 in 10 (14%) women living with violence said that their children had also been beaten at the same time when the husband or partner was physically abusing her.

#### **Inter-generational impacts: did victims/survivors of partner violence witness physical violence towards their mothers when they were children? And were they hit themselves as children?**

- Women who grew up in families where their mother was beaten are significantly more likely to be living with physical or sexual violence in their relationships (54% witnessed violence as children, compared with 37% of those who did not experience partner violence).
- Women who were physically abused when they were children are significantly more likely to be living with violence in their relationships (84% were abused as children, compared with 64% who did not experience partner violence).

#### **What about men: did the men who commit violence against their wives/partners witness violence against their mothers, or experience physical violence themselves as children?**

- Men who grew up in families where their mother was beaten are significantly more likely to perpetrate intimate partner violence in their adult intimate relationships (26% compared with 11%).
- Men who were regularly hit or beaten when they were children are significantly more likely to perpetrate intimate partner violence in their adult intimate relationships (31% compared with 10%).

This chapter analyses the associations between women's experiences of lifetime physical or sexual partner violence and behavioural problems in school-aged children aged 6-14. It presents data on the proportion of children who witness their mother being abused, and who get caught up in the violence by being beaten themselves. To assess the inter-generational impacts of violence, this chapter also analyses the proportion of women (and their husbands and partners) who grew up witnessing family violence as children, and who were abused as children themselves.

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#### ***The survey findings show that violence is learned behaviour***

*"The data reinforces the reasons why we need to work more with children, and the need to use strategies that are appropriate for different age groups. We must do this, across the board, to further reduce the prevalence of domestic violence."*

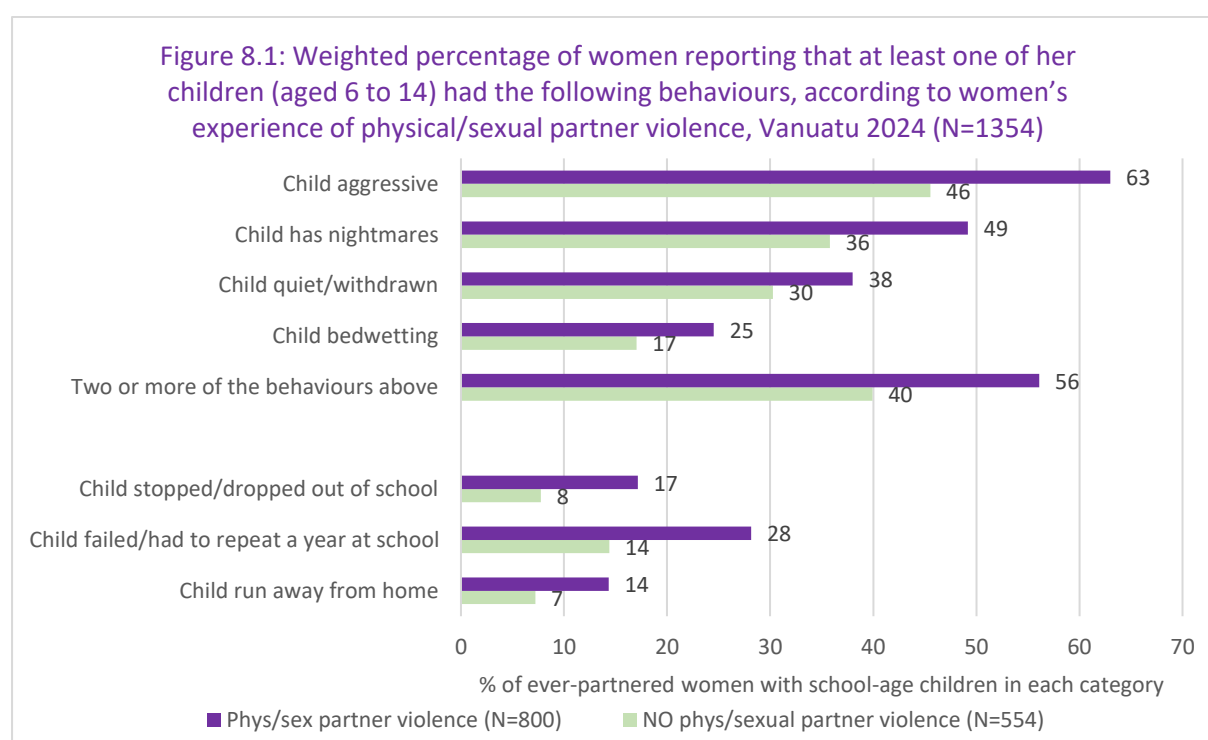
*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 25/3/2025)*

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## 8.1 Partner violence and the well-being of children

### How does intimate partner violence affect the behaviour and well-being of children?

There can be no doubt that intimate partner violence has a damaging impact on children's well-being. Almost 6 in 10 women who experienced partner violence (56%) reported two or more behavioural problems with their school-age children, compared with 4 in 10 (40%) among women who are not living with partner violence; this finding is highly statistically significant and unlikely to be due to chance (Figure 8.1).



Source: Table 8.1, Annex 2. P values are statistically significant and highly unlikely to be due to chance or other factors for all but "child quiet/withdrawn". P values from top to bottom: <0.001, <0.001, 0.067, 0.014, <0.001, <0.001, <0.001, and 0.001.

All ever-partnered women who had school-aged children (between 6 and 14) were asked four questions about their children's behaviour (Figure 8.1):

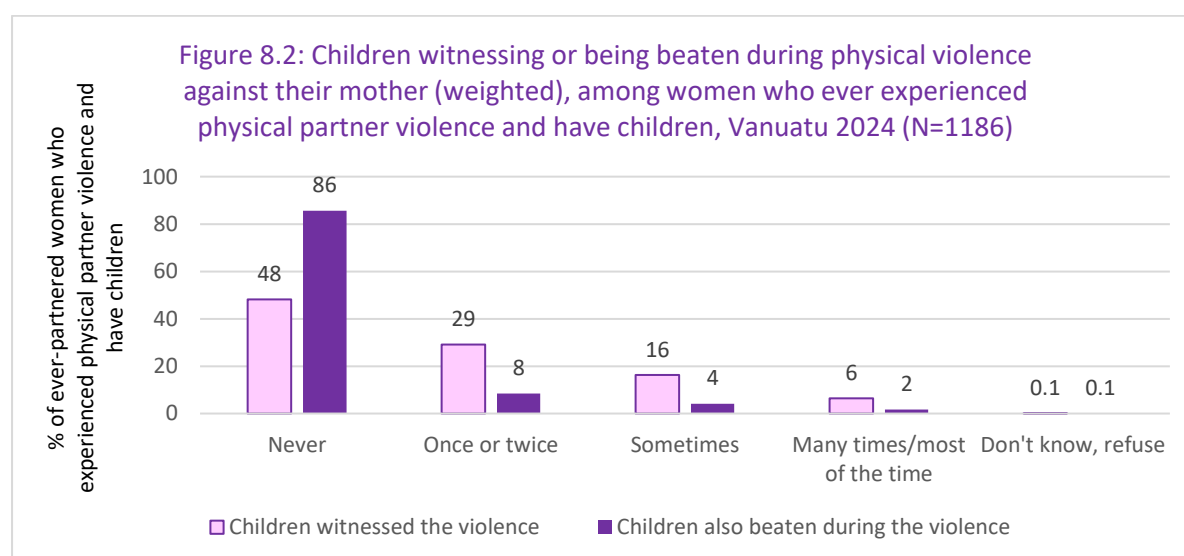
- Aggressiveness in children was the most common behavioural problem, affecting 63% of households where women experienced partner violence, compared with 46% of those without partner violence, with a highly significant P value of less than 0.001.
- Forty-nine percent of women living with domestic violence have children with frequent nightmares, compared with 36% of households without violence (P value of less than 0.001).
- Thirty-eight percent of children in households with domestic violence were quiet or withdrawn, compared with 30% without domestic violence (although the P value for this is not statistically significant at 0.067).
- Frequent bedwetting was reported as a problem by 25% of women living with domestic violence, compared with 17% without partner violence (with a statistically significant P value of 0.014).
- Fourteen percent of women living with domestic violence have had children run away from home, compared with 8% of those who are not facing partner violence at home (with a statistically significant P value of less than 0.001).

Mothers were also asked about issues with schooling. Women who are living with violence are about twice as likely to have children who have either failed or dropped out of school, and once again, these findings are highly statistically significant with P values of less than 0.001 (Figure 8.1):

- Almost 3 in 10 women living with partner violence (28%) have children aged 6 to 14 who have either failed or had to repeat a year at school. This compares with 14% of those who have not experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence.
- Almost 2 in 10 women who experienced partner violence (17%) have children who have stopped or dropped out of school, compared with 8% of those who did not experience partner violence.

## 8.2 Children witnessing partner violence

Among women who have ever been physically abused by their husband or partner, 52% (5 in 10) said that their children had witnessed the violence (Figure 8.2): almost 3 in 20 (29%) said that this happened once or twice; 16% said it happened sometimes, and 6% said it happened many times.



Source: Table 8.2, Annex 2.

Fortunately, most children of women being physically abused by their husband/partner are not usually beaten at the same time (Figure 8.2): 86% of women said that this had never happened, but the remaining 14% (more than 1 in 10) said that it has occurred.

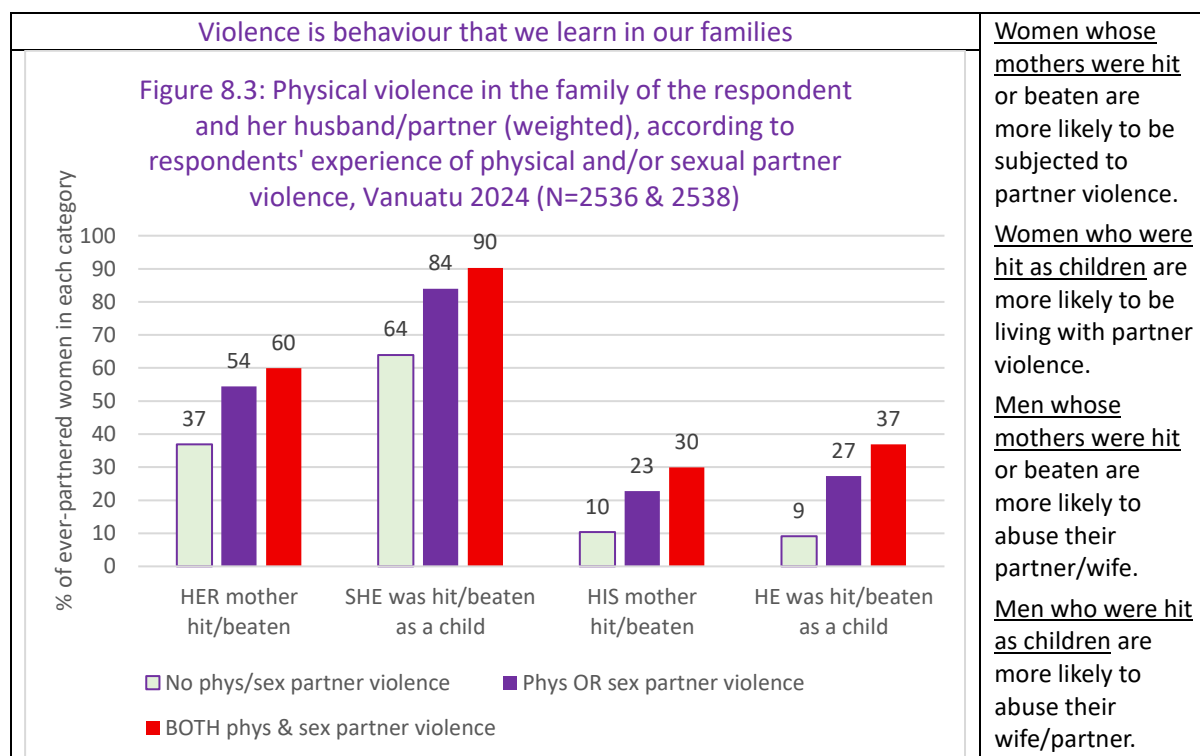
- Eight percent said that their children were beaten once or twice, 4% said it happened sometimes, and 2% said that it happened many times or most of the time.

Disaggregating the data by location shows one interesting difference between urban and rural areas (Tables 8.2a and 8.2b of Annex 2).

- Women living in urban areas are somewhat less likely to report that their children witnessed the physical violence: 57% of urban women said that their children had never witnessed the violence, compared with 47% in rural areas, and 48% for the country as a whole.
- However, there is very little difference between urban and rural areas for those families where children also get physically abused at the time as their mothers: 84% of urban women said that their children were never hit or beaten at the same time as she was being physically abused, compared with 86% for rural women, and 86% nationally.

### 8.3 Intergenerational impacts of partner violence

The data on the inter-generational impacts of violence is very troubling and points to the long-term nature of prevention work that is needed to turn this issue around in Vanuatu. All ever-partnered women were asked (in section 5 of the questionnaire, see Annex 1) whether their husband's/partner's mother was hit or beaten by her partner, and whether her husband/partner was hit or beaten regularly when he was a child by someone in his family. Later in the questionnaire (section 10), women were asked the same questions. This data enables us to analyse the potential association between these four variables, and women's experience of different types of partner (physical, sexual or both) and the severity of the physical partner violence experienced by women.



Source: Table 8.3, Annex 2. N=2536 for left-hand columns on the respondent's experience, and 2538 for right-hand columns on her husband's/partner's experience. All associations shown in Figure 8.3 are statistically significant with P values of <0.001.

A clear pattern emerges from the comparative analysis for both women and men who grew up with family violence, and all the associations are statistically significant with P values of less than 0.001 (Figure 8.3):

- Among women who have not experienced either physical or sexual partner violence, 37% (almost 4 in 10) knew that her mother was beaten or hit by her mother's husband/partner. This compares with 54% (more than 5 in 10) of women who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence, and jumps further to 60% (6 in 10) of those women who have been subjected to both physical and sexual partner violence.

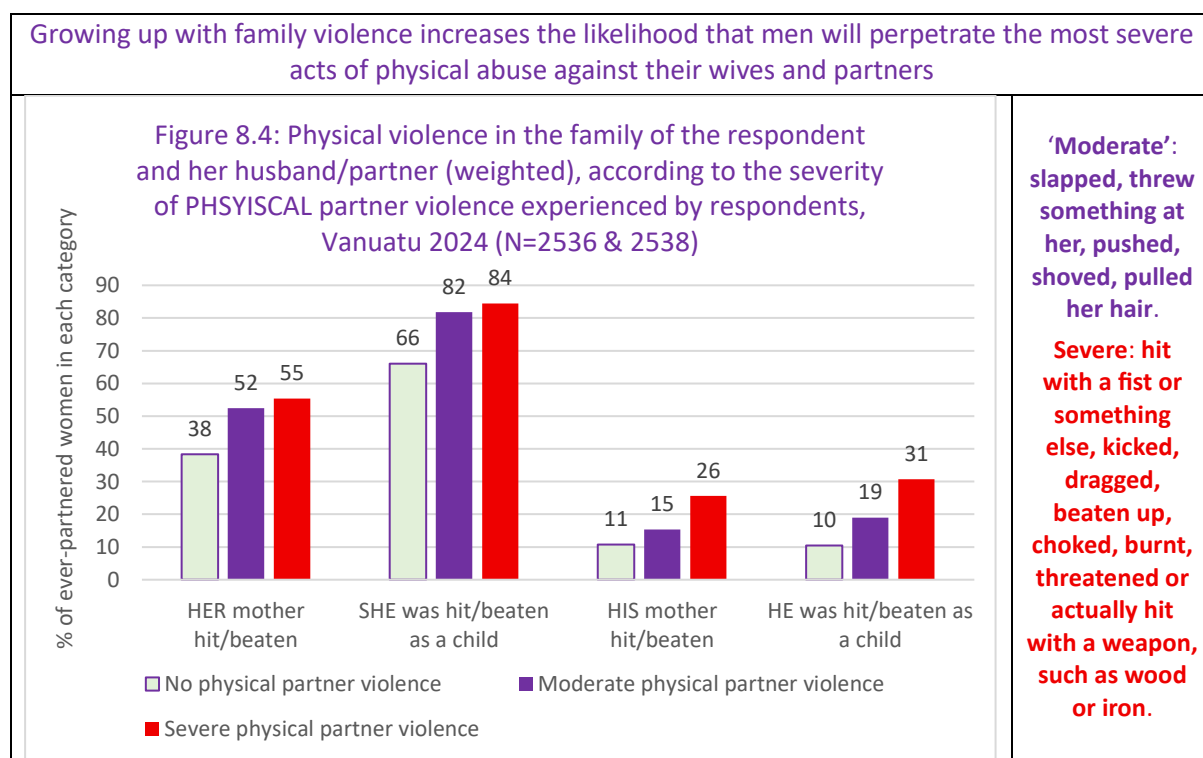
*"Mi wantem talem bigfala tankyu blong storian blong yumitu tete, bai I save helpem blong tijim ol pikinini blong mi, se fasin ia i no gud, bai oli no mekem."*

*"Thank you very much for talking with me today, it will help me to teach my children that this way of behaving is not good, and that no-one should behave in this way." (Survey respondent)*

- Being beaten as a girl child is both more widespread in the community (see section 5.4), but appears to have an even greater impact on the likelihood that women will be subjected to violence as adults by their husbands/partners: 64% of women who have not experienced partner violence were beaten as children, compared with 84% of those who are experiencing either physical or sexual partner violence, and 90% (9 in 10) of women are living with both physical and sexual partner violence.

A similar pattern is seen regarding the impact of women's experiences of family violence as child, and whether or not they experience physical partner violence. However, childhood family experiences have little impact on whether respondents experience 'moderate' or severe physical partner abuse are minor (Figure 8.4):

- Among women who have not been physically abused by their husband/partner, 38% had a mother who was beaten, compared with 52% of those who have experienced 'moderate' physical partner violence, and 55% of those who experienced severe forms of physical partner violence.
- Similarly, whereas 66% of women with no physical partner violence were hit or beaten as children, 82% of those living with 'moderate' physical partner violence were beaten as children, and 84% of those who are experiencing the most severe forms of physical abuse.



Source: Table 8.3, Annex 2. N=2536 for left-hand columns on the respondent's experience, and 2538 for right-hand columns on her husband's/partner's experience. All associations shown in Figure 8.4 are statistically significant with P values of <0.001.

Similar patterns are seen for men, showing that men whose mothers were beaten are more likely to perpetrate both physical and/or sexual violence, and also more likely to perpetrate the most severe forms of physical violence, particularly if they were beaten or hit regularly themselves as boys by someone in their family (Figures 8.3 and 8.4):

- Thirty percent (3 in 10) of women who are experiencing both physical and sexual partner violence have husbands or partners who grew up in families where their mothers were abused, and 37% (nearly 4 in 10) have husbands/partners who were beaten themselves as boy children (Figure 8.3).

- Similarly, 26% of women who have been subjected to the most severe forms of physical abuse have husbands whose mother was also beaten, and 31% (3 in 10) have husbands or partners who were regularly hit or beaten as boy children (Figure 8.4).
- This compares with about one in ten women who have not experienced physical or sexual violence who do have husbands or partners who either witnessed their mother being abused, or were regularly abused themselves (Figures 8.3 and 8.4, percentages range from 9% to 11% for different variables in this comparison).

## 8.4 Summary of patterns and conclusions on the impacts of partner violence on children

The behavioural problems of children reported by mothers who are victims/survivors of domestic violence, including the number of children dropping out or failing at school, have **potentially long-term damaging consequences** – for the children, their families and communities, and for the economy as a whole. The personal and financial cost of these issues cannot be under-estimated; they are a call to action by all policy-makers and stakeholders in Vanuatu to stop the violence for the sake of both women and their children, and the future of the country.

VWC is aware that their staff are only seeing the tip of the iceberg in their counselling work, and often, they see the most egregious and damaging cases. Each year, there are shocking examples documented in the monitoring and evaluation database of the fallout from intimate partner violence on children – both directly and indirectly. Some of the case studies included in this report in other chapters (Boxes 4.7, 4.8, 7.3, 9.4 and 9.7) show a range of direct and indirect impacts on children of the many forms of abuse suffered by their mothers. It is worth noting two key things regarding the survey data and qualitative case studies shared in this report. First, it is important to remember that we cannot capture or document the unfathomable impacts on children whose mothers have already been murdered, or who have committed suicide due to the violence. Second, the case studies included in this report are not the most egregious examples of harm caused to either women or children, because to publicise these risks sensationalising the damage and copy-cat acts.

In addition to children witnessing physical violence, there are cases every year of children witnessing violent sexual abuse against their mothers, attempted murder or threats to murder their mothers, threats to hurt the children in order to coerce their mothers to comply with the husband's/partner demands, in addition to cases where physical and emotional abuse of mothers is part of a pattern of coercive control that includes sexual abuse of her children as well. There are also many case studies documented where financial abuse results in inadequate funds for food and other basic needs for women and children, which of course also means that there are inadequate funds for school fees (although we have no way of confirming whether this is causally related to the high number of drop-outs and failures discussed above for children growing up with domestic violence). It is common for men to take children if women seek to separate or get help, and doing this legally by seeking child custody is used as a further means of coercing and hurting women, with potentially damaging other impacts for their children (Box 8.2 and 8.3).

The data in chapter 5 (section 5.4) showed that there are very high levels of abuse against girl children, with 72% experiencing some type of abuse under the age of 15 (Figure 5.28). The associations between childhood experiences and the experience of intimate partner violence – whether that be witnessing your mother being abused, or being abused yourself – leave no doubt that violence is learned behaviour, and that this learning can seriously affect one's behaviour as an adult, when damaging patterns may be repeated or multiplied.



The findings in this chapter only begin to touch the surface of the potentially life-long impacts of partner violence on children, and the data discussed above on the inter-generational aspects of intimate partner violence need to be considered in the context of the risk factor analysis included in chapter 10 of this report. Nevertheless, the data points to two key conclusions:

- Some children are learning that intimate partner violence is a “normal” part of relationships – and the more children who learn this now, the longer it will be for the country to further reduce the prevalence of this terrible scourge on families and communities.
- The violence that is happening now urgently needs to be prevented from happening again, with appropriate support given to women to escape from the violence, and to children to “unlearn” what they have observed and experienced in their families. Without appropriate actions by all stakeholders now, it is not reasonable to expect the prevalence of intimate partner violence to reduce over the medium term (for example, the next 10-15 years, given the inter-generational impacts demonstrated).

In short, many girls learn to expect to be abused when they are adults, by the man that they love; in some cases, they are told that this is even an expression of love. And some men learn that it is acceptable to hit your wife, girlfriend or partner, and that this is a way to resolve conflict in our closest relationships. However, it is important to emphasise that many men who grew up with family violence have not become perpetrators themselves. It is not inevitable that growing up with family violence leads to being a victim/survivor or a perpetrator, although there is an increased likelihood that the patterns of violence will be repeated.

### ***Box 8.2: A male advocate police officer returns a child to her mother***

Senior Sergeant Eddy is a police officer who has attended the first 3 stages of VWC’s 4-stage male advocacy training – an initiative by VWC to increase men’s understanding of violence against women and its consequences, and to assist them to act in ways to support women’s rights and safety. Sergeant Eddy has been tasked with serving Family Protection Orders (FPOs) to perpetrators and making sure they understand the conditions given in the orders.

In 2023, VWC had to keep a client in a safe house due to the very controlling attitudes and aggressive behaviours of her de facto partner. They had 3 children who had been witnessing the violence. On one occasion, they saw their father threatening to cut their mother’s throat with a cane knife. Their father was involved in several extra-sexual relationships, making it very traumatizing for the client to concentrate on her job and her children. The client had applied for an FPO, which the Magistrate Court granted. It was Sergeant Eddy’s responsibility to serve the FPO on the partner, and remove the youngest child (3 years old) from his custody.

Using his occupation as a forklift driver for a shipping company, the defendant had boarded a ship with the child, with the intention of taking the child to his parents on their island. When Sergeant Eddy was notified of the defendant’s non-compliance with the court order to release the child to be with her mother, there was only 10 minutes remaining before the ship was bound to leave the wharf. Sergeant Eddy got on his quad bike and sped to the wharf. He called out to the partner: “Release the child, or I will not allow the ship to sail”. On hearing this, the ship captain immediately ordered the partner to disembark with the child, and the ship left without him.

After the child was recovered from her father, Sergeant Eddy continued to make contact with the VWC counsellor, to make sure that the client and her daughter had arrived safely, and that they were not harassed by the defendant. Since then, the client has moved on with her life, with her children, and has not returned to her violent relationship.

(Case study from VWC’s monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 77)

***Box 8.3: Case study from VWC legal staff, who advocate for the “best interests of the child”***

Zoey is a young woman in her late twenties living in a de facto relationship with her partner, who is in his late 40s. The couple met when he went to work in Zoey’s province. After his contract ended, Zoey and her firstborn followed the partner back to his village and they lived together. Zoey later had two children with her partner. Zoey’s partner has a steady job and owns a bungalow business that Zoey helps run, and the partner is the breadwinner in the family. Since Zoey was helping in his business, she had no formal job.

During her marriage, Zoey suffered various forms of domestic violence, including emotional, sexual and physical. The children also suffered mentally and emotionally from the violence. This was worsened by the fact that the family lived in a house that had no separate rooms. Zoey’s partner forced her to have sex whenever he wanted and, sometimes, even when the children were around. She once caught her 2-year-old imitating what their father was doing which devastated and horrified her at the same time. Additionally, every time they got into an argument, or he got drunk, he physically assaulted her. He did not care if there were guests around and abused her anyway. So, the guests helped Zoey get some medical help.

She came to a VWC centre and managed to take all three children with her to a different island. While she was there, she received court papers for urgent custody that the partner had applied for. He had asked the court to grant him the custody of all three children, claiming he was capable of looking after them. He showed that he was financially stable and that he was the one supporting them to go to school.

Zoey sought legal assistance from VWC. Zoey has no financial income. She has family on another island, but she preferred to raise the children herself, rather than burden her family. Zoey’s response to the application was based on the living environment where the children would be growing up with their father.

VWC showed the court that the “best interest of a child and their welfare must be of paramount consideration to the court as stipulated in the Guardianship of Minors Act.” They also cited Article 3 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which emphasises the best interests of the child as the primary consideration. Additionally, they tried to persuade the court that financial capabilities should not be the only reason to award the applicant custody; the court must also consider the children’s emotional well-being. VWC’s lawyer emphasised that the applicant could not guarantee the children’s happiness, security, mental health, and emotional development. After hearing the case, the judge declined and dismissed the application from Zoey’s partner, and Zoey now has the liberty to apply for custody of the children.

This case study highlights how women who depend on men to provide for the family have additional challenges leaving violent relationships, because they are often forced to stay for the sake of their children. But Zoey showed courage and decided to take a stand.

Children’s best interests must be prioritised, and this should be the court’s primary consideration when awarding custody to any parent.

[\(Case study from VWC’s monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 42\)](#)



## Chapter 9: Women's responses to partner violence and their coping strategies

### Box 9.1: Key findings on women's coping strategies

#### How many women tell someone about the intimate partner violence?

- Almost 4 in 10 (37%) have told no-one about the violence before the survey, and around 6 in 10 (63%) women have told someone (mainly family and friends).

#### How many women seek help from agencies or people in authority? What reasons do women give for seeking help, or not seeking help?

- About 7 in 10 (71%) of the women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence have never gone to any agency or authority for help, and only 3 in 10 (29%) have tried to get help. Among those who did seek help, there were high levels of satisfaction with the help received.
- The three most common reasons for seeking help were: they had information about where to go, they could not take the violence anymore, and they knew their rights.
- Among those who did not yet seek help, many said that they did not know where to go, that he had threatened to kill her if she went anywhere for support and help, or that she was afraid he would end the relationship.
- About half of the respondents living with partner violence said they would have liked more help. Among the women who did want more help, most wanted it from their family.

#### How many women leave home due to intimate partner violence, and why or why not?

- About 4 in 10 (43%) of women facing partner violence have ever left home, but only 2% have done so permanently. The main reasons for leaving were: she couldn't take it anymore, she was afraid he would kill her, and she had information about where to go.
- Most women return to the husband/partner because he asks her to go back, she loves him, she forgives him and because she doesn't want to leave the children.
- Among the women who have never left home, the main reasons are similar: she doesn't want to leave the children, she loves him, and she forgives him.

#### Do women ever fight back in self-defence, and what happens when they do?

- Very few women (less than 3 in 10 or 29%) have ever fought back when their husband or partner is physically abusing them, and the response from the partner varies: the violence either stops or reduces for 61% of these women, but for 3 in 10 (32%) it gets worse and 6% said it had no effect.

This chapter presents data on how women who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence cope with the violence, including whether or not they tell anyone about it, who they tell, whether or not they seek help from agencies or authorities to deal with the violence, whether they ever leave home, and why they take these actions (or why not).

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*"Mi ting hemi wan gudfala tingting weh yufala i save kam karem ol tingting blong mifala mo ol partner blong mi, we mifala i no save serem. Naoia mi filim mi fri mo glad yumitu storian ya."*  
*"I think it is a good thing that you came to get information on all these things between me and my partner, that I have never shared with anyone else. Now I feel free and glad that we have talked about it."* (Survey respondent)

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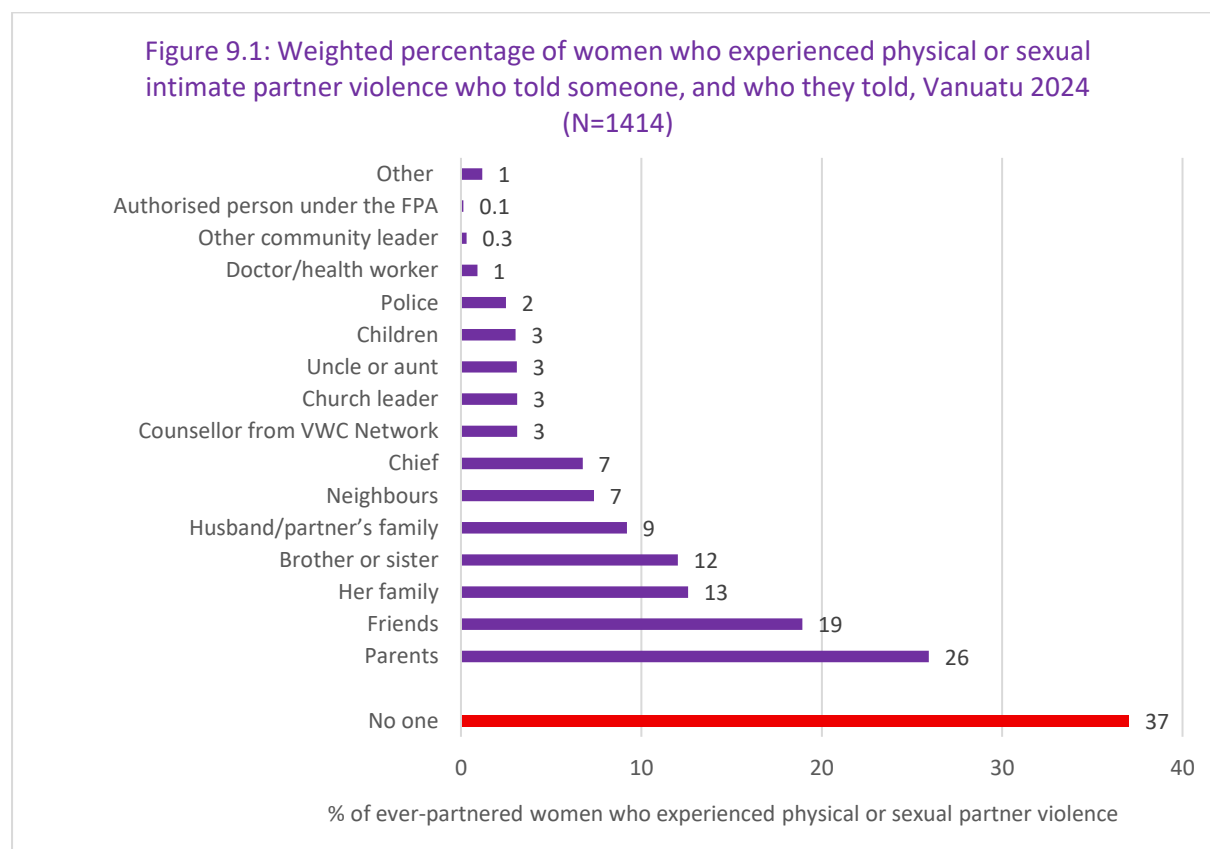


## 9.1 Who women tell about violence

### How many women tell someone about the intimate partner violence, and who do they tell?

The majority of women (63%) had told someone about the violence they experienced from their husband or partner, and the remaining 37% had never done so before the survey. Multiple answers could be given and the data indicates that a few women tell more than one person; the majority of women tell their family members or friends rather than formal agencies (Figure 9.1).

- The most common people told are her parents (26%) and her friends (19%), as well as other members of her family (13%), brothers or sisters (12%), and aunts or uncles (3%). Only 9% had told members of her husband's or partner's family.
- Neighbours and chiefs were each told by 7% of respondents.
- Counsellors from VWC were told by 3% of respondents, as well as church leaders and the woman's own children. Police were told by 2%.
- Others who women mentioned they had told include doctors or health workers (less than 1%), other community leaders (0.3%), Authorised Persons under the Family Protection Act (FPA, 0.1% which accounts for 2 respondents), and others who were not specified (1%).



Source: Table 9.1 of Annex 2. Multiple answers were possible (except for those who told no-one) so percentages total more than 100%.

## 9.2 Agencies and authorities women go to for help

### How many women seek help from agencies or people in authority?

In addition to being asked if they had ever told anyone about the violence, women who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence were asked if they had ever gone to any agencies or people in authority for help to deal with the violence. Although many women have told someone about the violence, the vast majority have not actually gone to any agencies to seek help, with 71%

saying that they have never done so (Table 9.3 of Annex 2). However, among the 29% who have asked for help, it is clear that some have gone to more than one place.

Among those women who have sought help, most have gone to the following five agencies or people in authority for help (Figure 9.2):

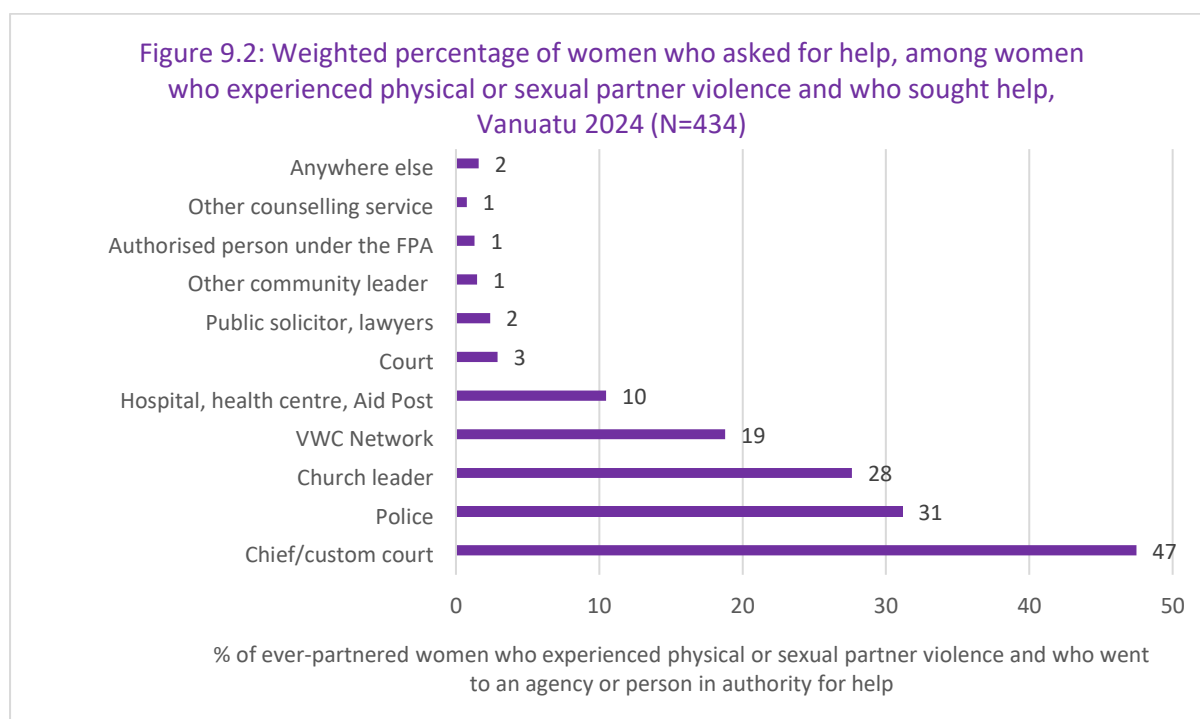
- About half (47%) have gone to the Chiefs or used custom court processes.
- About 3 in 10 (31%) have gone to the police.
- Another 3 in 10 (28%) have sought help from church leaders.
- Almost 2 in 10 have gone to VWC (19%).
- One in ten (10%) have gone to health centres, hospitals or Aid Posts for health care.

*“Chiefs are the most common form of justice that women can access, they are there at the community level.”*

*“We see a lot of women in counselling who have been to their Chiefs first, before they come to us. Things often don’t change and the violence continues, so they become dissatisfied. Sometimes they go to Chiefs for resolution many times, and finally they come to VWC when they cannot take it anymore.”*

*(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 26/3/2025)*

A small number of women said that they had gone to a court (3%), the Public Solicitor or lawyers (2%), other community leaders (1%), an Authorised Person under the FPA (1%), another counselling service (0.8%), and somewhere else that was not specified (2%).



Source: Table 9.3 of Annex 2. Multiple answers were possible so percentages total more than 100%.

The majority of women who sought support said they were satisfied with the help that they received from the agencies listed in Figure 9.2, although only 3 services received 100% satisfaction rates. Caution is needed when interpreting these findings, due to the very low numbers who reported to some authorities, including each of those where 100% of women were satisfied. Satisfaction rates of between 80% and 90% were recorded for the following services and authorities, and in each of these



cases the number of respondents who used services renders the data more reliable; the number of respondents that sought help from each service is also noted (Table 9.3 of Annex 2):

- hospitals, health centres and Aid Posts (where 98% of 31 respondents were satisfied);
- church leaders (where 97% of 120 respondents were satisfied);
- the VWC Network, including VWC in Vila, its branches, CAVAWs, and male advocates (where 92% of 65 respondents were satisfied);
- Chiefs and custom courts (where 91% of 221 respondents were satisfied); and
- the Vanuatu Police Force (where 88% of 86 respondents were satisfied).

### What are the main reasons women give for seeking help, and for not seeking help?

When women were asked the reasons that made them go for help, there were three major reasons mentioned: they had information about where to go (36%, or a little more than 1 in 3); they could not take any more (also 36%); and they were aware of their rights (30%, a little less than 1 in 3). Women could give multiple reasons, and on average, there are two reasons per respondent. If we aggregate all six reasons that relate to the severity of the violence and fear of further violence (those highlighted red in Box 9.2), these types of reasons total more than 53%. In short, this is not a step that women take lightly, as VWC staff know well from their counselling work.

### Box 9.2: Women's reasons for seeking help, or not seeking help

| Main reasons <u>for</u> seeking help from agencies or authorities (N=434) | Main reasons <u>for not</u> seeking help from agencies or authorities (N=980) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Had information about where to go (36%)                                   | She doesn't know why/no answer (26%)                                          |
| Could not take anymore (36%)                                              | Did not know where to go/no options (17%)                                     |
| Aware of her rights (30%)                                                 | <b>He threatened to kill her (13%)</b>                                        |
| Encouraged by her friends or family (24%)                                 | Afraid it would end the relationship (12%)                                    |
| <b>Afraid he would kill her (16%)</b>                                     | It would bring a bad name to the family (11%)                                 |
| Encouraged by his family (15%)                                            | Did not believe there was any help (11%)                                      |
| <b>Afraid of more violence (14%)</b>                                      | <b>Fear of more violence/consequences (10%)</b>                               |
| <b>Badly injured (11%)</b>                                                | Afraid she would lose the children (7%)                                       |
| Saw that children were suffering (10%)                                    | Violence was 'normal'/not serious (2%)                                        |
| <b>He threatened or tried to kill her (6%)</b>                            | She would be blamed or not believed (1%)                                      |
| Knew other women had been helped (5%)                                     | <b>He stopped her from seeking help (1%)</b>                                  |
| <b>Afraid she would kill him (4%)</b>                                     |                                                                               |
| <b>He threatened or hit the children (3%)</b>                             |                                                                               |
| She was thrown out of home (3%)                                           |                                                                               |
| Other reasons (4%)                                                        | Other reasons (13%)                                                           |

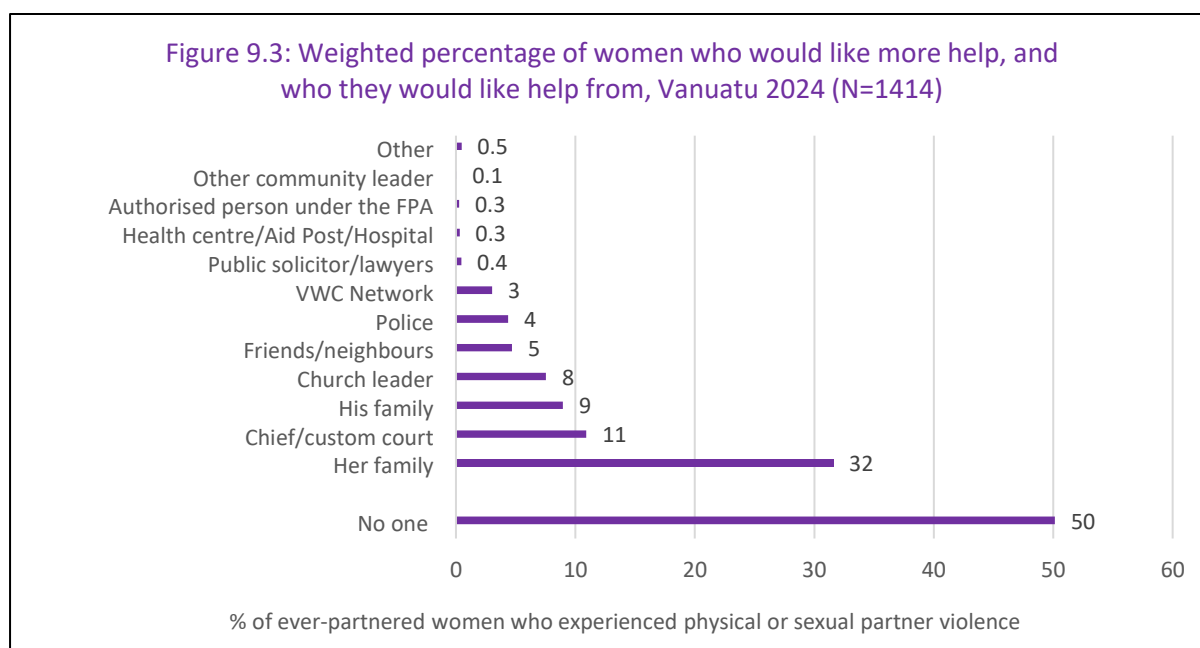
Sources: Tables 9.4 and 9.5 in Annex 2. Multiple responses were possible so totals exceed 100%.

Among those women who did not go anywhere for help, about 1 in 4 (26%) could not give any reason, and there were fewer multiple answers to this question. Almost 2 in 10 (17%) did not know where to go for help, and another 1 in 10 (11%) didn't believe that there was anyone who could help them (11%). Fear of further violence and direct coercion accounts for 3 of the reasons given, which together total 24% (about 1 in 4): these include those who said he had threatened to kill her if she went anywhere for support and help (13%), those who said they feared the likely consequences including further violence (10%), and a small number (1%) who were actually prevented from seeking help by their husband or partner. Fear that the relationship would end (12%) and that she would lose the children (7%) make up another related set of reasons.

### How many women living with partner violence said that they would have liked more help, and who do they want help from?

Overall, half (50%) of the respondents who have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes said they would like to receive more help, and some gave more than one answer to this question (Figure 9.3):

- The most common response was that women would like more help from their families, with just over 3 in 10 women giving this response (32%).
- About 1 in 10 (11%) said they would like more help from Chiefs and custom court processes, 9% wanted more help from his family, and 8% from church leaders.
- Friends and neighbours, Police and VWC were mentioned by 3% to 5% of respondents.
- Less than 1% mentioned other agencies and authorities such as the Public Solicitor or lawyers, health centres, Authorised Persons under the FPA, and other community leaders.



Source: Table 9.2 of Annex 2. Multiple answers were possible so percentages total more than 100%.

There are some interesting differences by location among women who wanted help, and who they wanted help from (Table 9.2 of Annex 2):

- Women from Torba and Tafea provinces were much more likely to say that they wanted more help, with 77% and 64% respectively saying so, compared with 50% for Vanuatu as a whole. On the other hand, women from Luganville were more likely to say that they did not want more support (65%).
- Women from Torba wanted more help from both her family (66% compared with 32% overall for Vanuatu), and from his family (20% compared with 9% for Vanuatu as a whole).
- Women from Torba and Tafea also wanted more help from Chiefs and custom courts, compared to the national average: 14% from Torba mentioned this, and 29% from Tafea, compared with 11% for Vanuatu as a whole.
- Similarly women from Torba and Tafea wanted more help from church leaders, with 18% from Torba and 16% from Tafea saying this, compared with 8% for Vanuatu as a whole.
- Eleven percent of women from Torba also wanted more help from VWC, compared with 3% nationally.

*“One of our CAVAWs (committees against violence against women) in Torba has been told by the Chief that all cases must be referred back to him, and this is still happening. This has prevented the CAVAW from referring these cases to VWC for counselling or legal assistance.”*

*“Sometimes, the Chief charges 5,000 vatu to hear a case, and in other cases it may be 2,000 vatu and sometimes you also have to feed them.”*

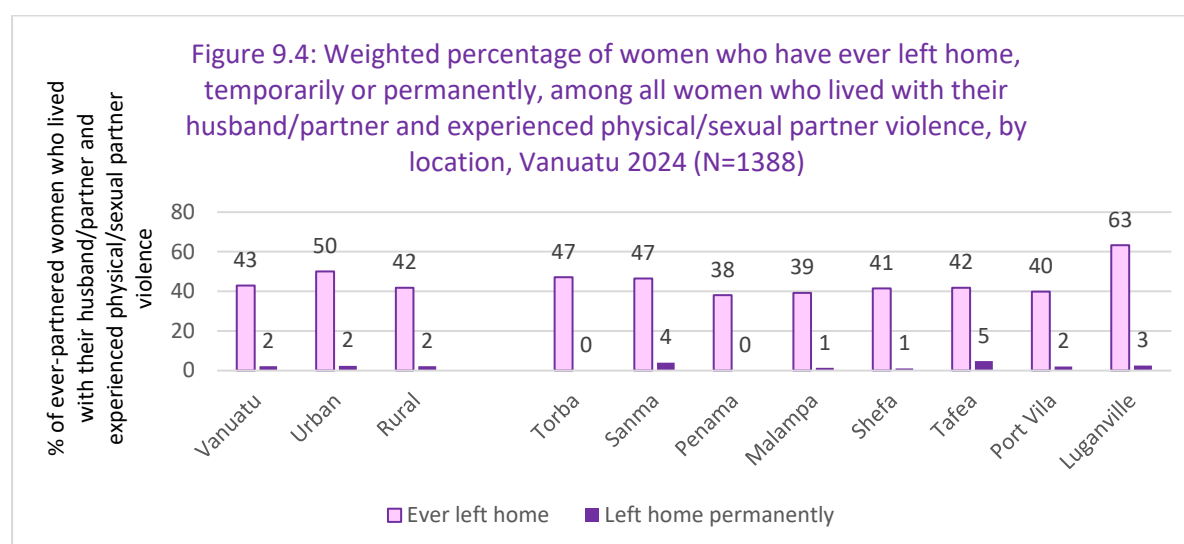
*“We had a client (from Tafea) who first went to the local community safety team. She was not satisfied with their response, so then she came to us. We followed up by doing a community awareness talk with the community safety team, and we plan to go back to do a workshop with them.”*

(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 26/3/2025)

### 9.3 Leaving home due to the violence

#### How many women leave home due to partner violence, and where do they go?

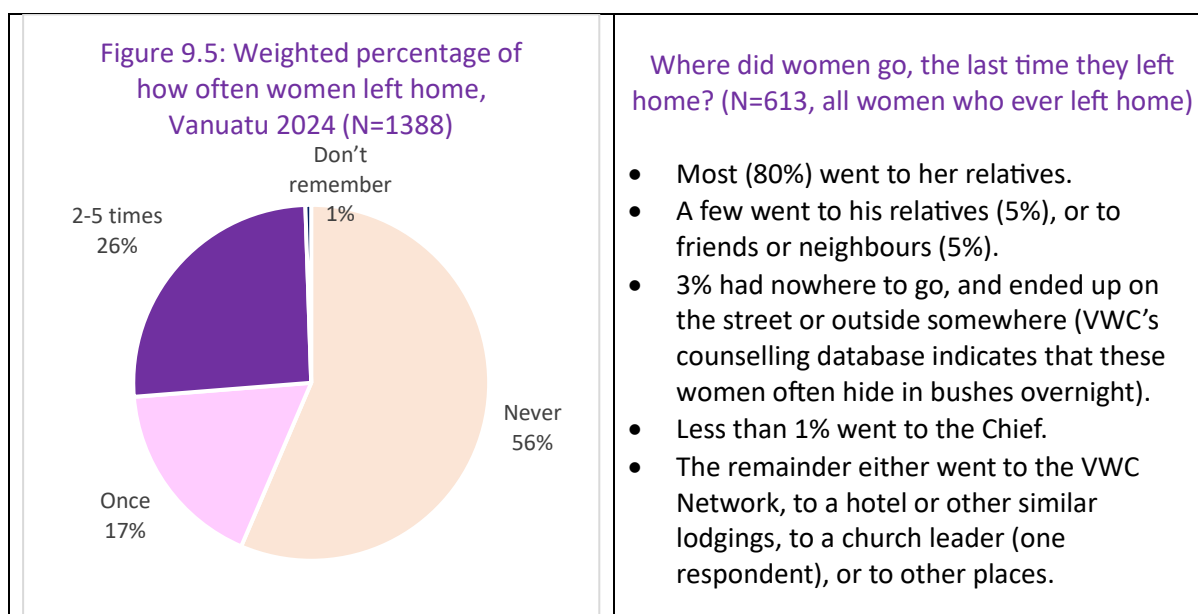
Most women (56% or almost 6 in 10) have never left home due to the violence, and only 2% have left permanently, contrary to popular myth in some sections of the Vanuatu community (Figure 9.4).



Source: Table 9.6a of Annex 2.

Women from Luganville are more likely to leave home temporarily than those from other provinces: 63% have ever done so, compared with 43% nationally, whereas women from Penama and Malampa are a little less likely to do so at 38% and 39% respectively. There is very little variation by location regarding the percentage of women who leave home permanently. However, 5% of women from Tafea had done so, and 4% from Sanma, whereas none of the survey respondents who have experienced physical or sexual violence have left permanently from either Torba or Penama provinces (Figure 9.4).

Seventeen percent of all women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence have only left home once (less than 2 in 10), and 26% have left more often. On average, women spent 16 days away the last time they left (Figure 9.5 and Table 9.6a).



Source: Table 9.6a of Annex 2. Figure 9.5: Percentage of all women who left home, among ever-partnered women who lived with their husband/partner and experienced physical or sexual partner violence.

### What reasons do women give for leaving temporarily, for not leaving, and for returning home?

Some of the main reasons that women give for leaving home temporarily are similar to those that influence women to seek help from agencies and authorities. They highlight the severity of the violence, and women's very real fears for their safety, with almost half (45%) saying that they couldn't take anymore, and a combined total of 38% (almost 4 in 10) saying that they feared for their life (28%), or that he had tried or threatened to kill her (10%). In summary, leaving home is usually a last resort, when women are in crisis (Box 9.3).

### Box 9.3: Women's reasons for leaving home, returning home, and for never leaving

| Main reasons for <u>leaving</u> home last time (N=613) | Main reasons for <u>returning</u> home (N=613) | Main reasons for <u>never</u> leaving (N=775) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Could not take any more (45%)</b>                   | He asked her to go back (38%)                  | She didn't want to leave the children (46%)   |
| <b>Afraid he would kill her (28%)</b>                  | She loved him (28%)                            | She loved him (36%)                           |
| <b>Had information about where to go (20%)</b>         | She didn't want to leave the children (28%)    | She forgave him (20%)                         |
| <b>Aware of her rights (19%)</b>                       | She forgave him (27%)                          | Sanctity of marriage (14%)                    |
| <b>He threatened or tried to kill her (10%)</b>        | Sanctity of marriage (15%)                     | She thought he would change (9%)              |
| <b>Encouraged by her friends/family (8%)</b>           | She thought he would change (12%)              | <b>Bride price was paid (6%)</b>              |
| <b>Afraid she would kill him (5%)</b>                  | <b>Family said to return (9%)</b>              | She didn't want to bring shame to family (5%) |
| <b>Encouraged by his family (5%)</b>                   | For the sake of the family/children (6%)       | <b>Nowhere to go (4%)</b>                     |
| <b>Saw that children were suffering (3%)</b>           | <b>Bride price was paid (5%)</b>               | <b>Family said to stay (4%)</b>               |

Sources: Tables 9.7, and 9.8 and 9.9 in Annex 2. Multiple responses were possible so totals exceed 100%. Other reasons are listed in the tables in Annex 2.

On the positive side, 2 in 10 women said that they had information about where to go (20%) and another 2 in 10 (19%) left because they were aware of their rights. Eight percent of women were encouraged to leave by her friends and family, and another 5% by his family. Unfortunately, there were women who said that they were thrown out of their homes (2.5%), and 1% said that he had threatened the children, in addition to 3% who left because they saw that their children were suffering (Box 9.3).

There are also several similarities between the reasons women give for returning back home, and for never leaving home (Box 9.3). Among those who have left temporarily, the main reasons for returning focus on her love and forgiveness for her husband or partner, and the high value she places on her relationship (overall, 93% of responses focussed on this set of influences). About 3 in 10 (28%) return home because they don't want to leave the children, or because they are concerned for their children's welfare (6%). These reasons underscore the importance of courts placing the interests of the child as paramount when presiding over child custody cases, alongside the human rights of women suffering from violence (see Box 8.3).

Similarly, concern for their children is the most important reason why almost half (46%) of the women living with violence have never left their violent husband or partner. Love and forgiveness of her partner again play a key role in keeping her within the violent relationship, along with a concern for the sanctity of marriage, shame, and the hope that he will change. Aggregating these reasons makes up about 84% of all responses (Box 9.3).

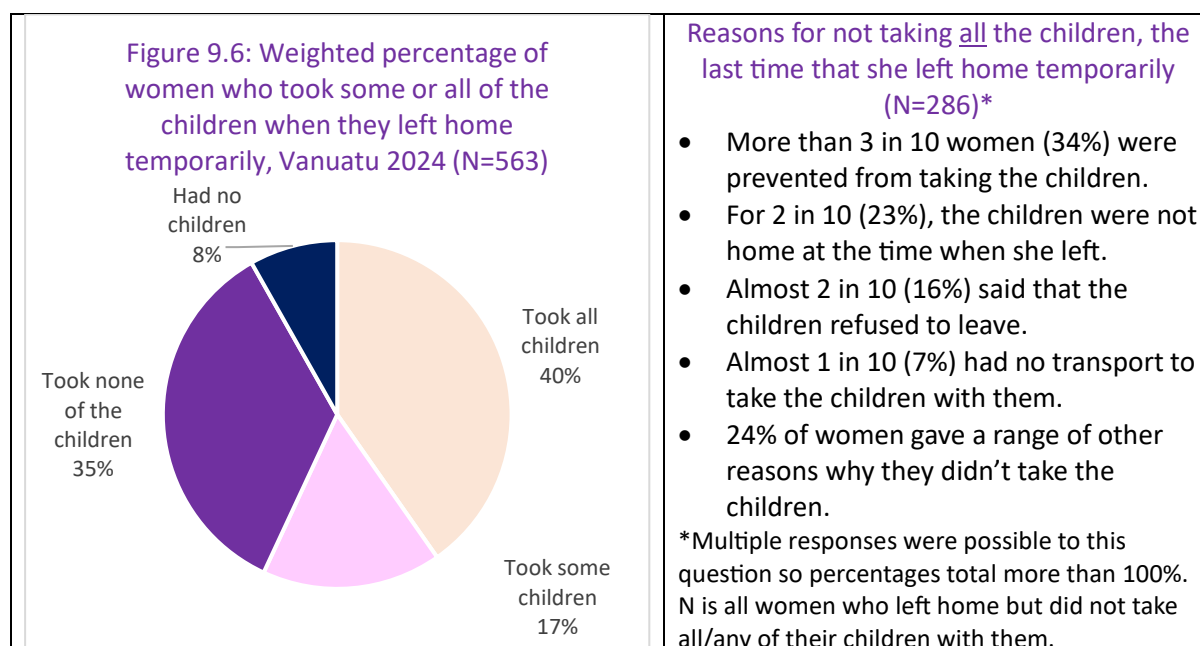
There is an important contrast in the factors influencing help-seeking, when we compare those who have sought help or left temporarily, compared with those who have not:

- A total of 39% of women who went to an agency or authority for help mentioned that they were encouraged by her or his family and friends to seek assistance, and 13% of those who left home temporarily also mentioned this as a factor in the decision-making.
- In contrast, 9% of those women who returned home said that their family had told them to return, and 5% mentioned that bride price was paid; a total of 10% of those who have never left noted these same two reasons.

### **Are women who leave home temporarily able to take their children with them?**

As discussed above, many women leave home only when they cannot take anymore, and when they are in fear for their lives, and one of the key factors that prevent women from leaving and that influence them to return home is that they don't want to leave the children. Given these factors, it is important to examine how many women actually can and do manage to take the children with them when they leave home temporarily (Figure 9.6).

Both the reasons that women give for leaving home, and the case studies in VWC's counselling database, indicate that women are often fleeing with very little or no time to make arrangements for safely taking the children with them. This is especially the case in rural and remote areas. Counselling case studies indicate that many women flee at night, or when their husbands are away from the house and cannot prevent them from leaving. All over the world, this is one of the most dangerous times for women, when they are most at risk of losing their lives.



Source: Table 9.6b of Annex 2. Figure 9.6: Percentage of women who ever left home due to physical or sexual partner violence.

## 9.4 Women's access to information and their help-seeking behaviour

### How does partner violence impact on women's ability to access information about their rights, and the services available to help them?

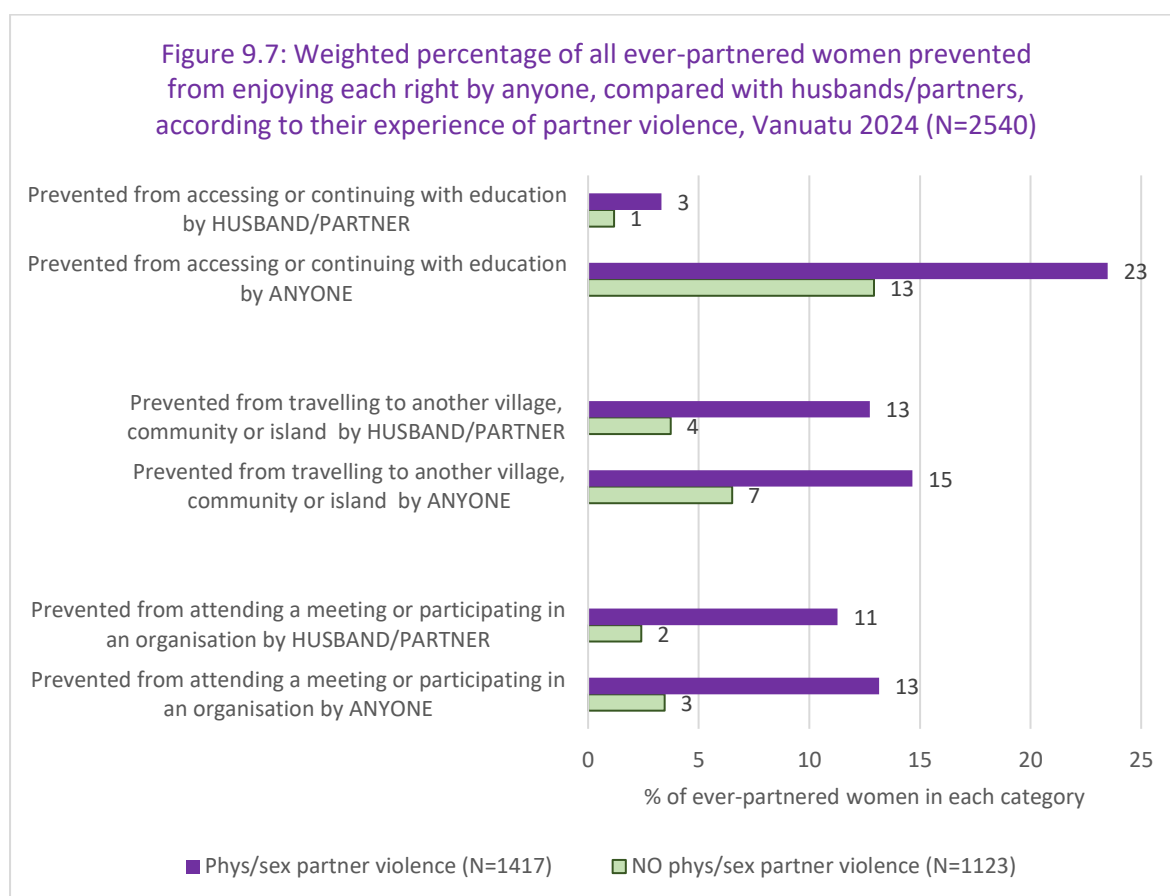
It needs to be emphasised that direct questions were not asked about this issue in the questionnaire. Given that access to information and knowing where to get help has emerged from the data as key factors that can influence women's coping strategies and help-seeking, it is useful to look at a selection of this data in a different way here, to help us understand more about women's coping strategies, and whether some of these variables may be preventing women from accessing the information that they need to seek help. Three variables are examined in this section:

- women's freedom of association – defined as being prevented from attending a meeting or participating in an organisation;
- women's freedom of mobility – defined as being prevented from travelling to another village, community or island; and
- women's access to education – defined as being prevented from accessing or continuing with her education.

Women who are living with physical, sexual or emotional violence are far more likely to be subjected to constraints on their freedom of association, their freedom of mobility, and their access to education than those who have not experienced domestic violence. Regardless of who prevents a woman from enjoying each of these freedoms and rights – whether it is a parent, her husband or partner, or another authority figure – women who have had these rights curtailed are more likely to be living with physical, sexual or emotional violence, and each of the associations are statistically significant with P values of less than 0.001 (Figure 9.7 and Table 9.12c of Annex 2). **It is reasonable to conclude that the curtailment of a woman's rights in these 3 critical areas is likely to have a negative impact on her ability to access information about where to get help, and how to keep herself safe if she suddenly has to leave in fear of her life.**



Women's freedom of association, freedom of mobility, and access to education are all human rights. When these rights are constrained by husbands or partners, VWC considers them as acts of coercive control (although the WHO survey tool does not include these in the definition of this form of intimate partner violence). However, the purpose of the analysis here is not to report on the prevalence of these acts, but to examine the link between the likelihood of women being able to access information about her rights and where to go to get help, having a supportive network around her, and her experience of partner violence. **VWC's counselling database and decades of experience establishes this link, with many cases documented of women making life-changing decisions to get help only once they attend a VWC prevention event, or when someone close to them does so and assists them to get help** – whether it be a Chief, neighbour or family member. (For example, see Boxes 4.7, 6.3, 6.4 and 9.4 for case studies which show this link for intimate partner violence; and Boxes 5.3 and 6.5 which show that access to information about VWC's services and women's rights is also crucial for women and girls experiencing non-partner violence to get the help they need.)



Source: Table 9.12c, Annex 2. All associations are statistically significant with P values of <0.001 for all but one comparison (the association for “prevented from accessing education by husbands/partners has a P value of 0.043, still significant, but a weaker association).

Ever-partnered women who have never experienced physical or sexual partner violence are far less likely to have been prevented from enjoying any of the 3 rights by their husband or partner (Figure 9.7).

- Only 2% of women not living with physical or sexual violence have been prevented from attending a meeting or organisation by their husband or partner, compared with 11% who have experienced physical or sexual partner violence.
- Four percent of those not living with physical or sexual partner violence have been prevented from travelling away from their village by their husband or partner, compared with 13% who have experienced physical or sexual violence.
- Although the difference is much smaller, the same pattern is seen for women who are prevented from accessing their education by their husbands and partners: 1% of women who have not experienced physical or sexual partner violence have been prevented from continuing or access education by their husbands/partners, compared with 3% for those who have not.

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*"We know that women who attend women's groups are more likely to hear about our information and VWC services. If you live in Vila and Shefa, you are probably living with others or close to others, so there are more ways that you can hear our messages about women's rights not to be abused. For women in the provinces and remote places, women who are being abused often live far from each other, and it is much harder to hear about our services."*  
(VWC Interpretation Workshop, 26/3/2025)

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Similar patterns are seen when we analyse the comparison between those prevented by anyone from enjoying each right, and when we compare constraints on these three rights and women's experience of emotional violence, with all associations showing high levels of statistical significance with p values of less than 0.001 (Figure 9.7 and Table 9.12c of Annex 2).

- It is worth noting that for freedom of association and freedom of mobility, it is mainly husbands and partners who prevent women from attending or participating in meetings and travelling freely to other places.
- In contrast, parents are the main ones who prevent women from accessing and continuing with their education, where we see a bigger impact on the likelihood of women living with violence: 13% of those who have been prevented from continuing their education have not experienced physical or sexual partner violence, compared with 23% of those who have experienced partner violence (see chapter 10 for a discussion of the influence of education as a risk factor for intimate partner violence).

***Box 9.4: VWC’s community awareness prompts a mother to seek help – and when her daughter sees a positive outcome from reporting abuse, this prompts her to also get help***

Kevin and Mella were married in custom and have seven children. Mella’s Chief had forbidden VWC to conduct any community awareness in her village. However, Mella’s mother had attended Penama Counselling Centre (PECC) community awareness events in other places, and had been advising Mella to go for counselling due to all the violence that Mella had been living with for so many years. Mella had always been too afraid to try this.

The turning point for Mella was when her mother was assaulted by a Chief, and she called the 161 freeline and received phone counselling. Very soon after, a Family Protection Order (FPO) was served to the Chief for the assault. When Mella saw the Police serving their Chief with an FPO she said to herself, “Kevin will be the second man in the village to be served with an FPO”. She rang 161 and the counsellor referred her PECC. After PECC counselling, Kevin received a Restraining Order, and Mella moved out to live with her aunt and uncle in another village.

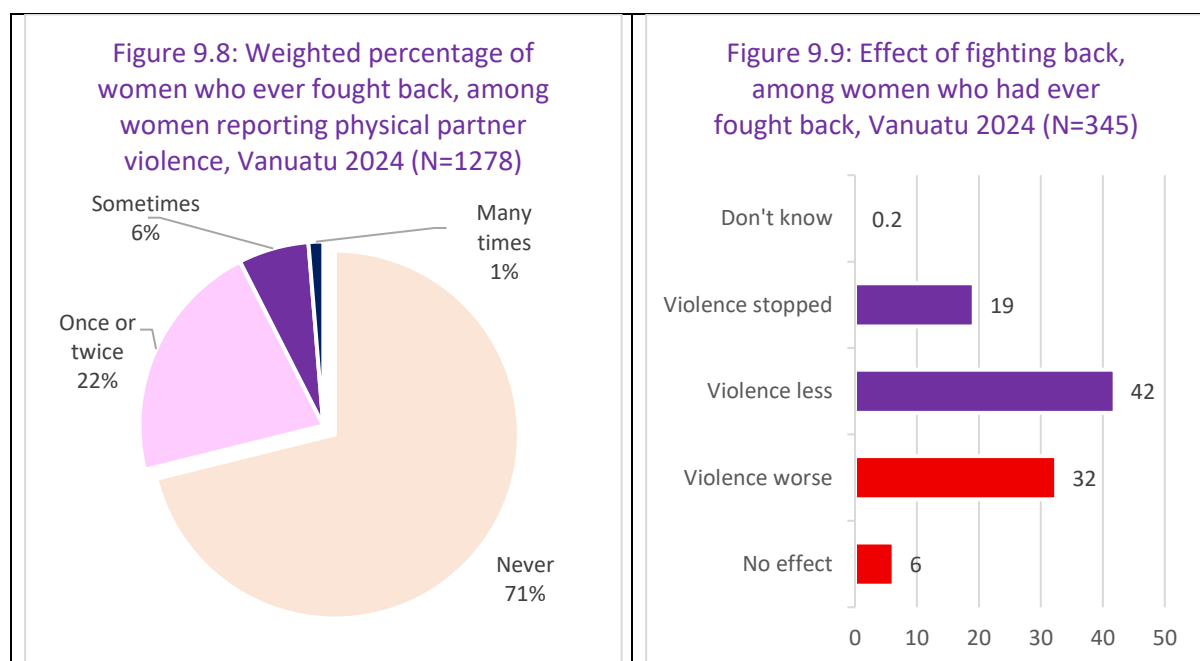
The FPO expired after 3 months but she didn’t go back. Kevin couldn’t look after the seven children, so he ran away to Vila leaving them with their elder brother Edgar. Edgar is 16 years old and left school at class 5. Edgar had also seen the Police serving the order to the Chief and to his father, and he asked his grandmother to take him to PECC, where he also received counselling. He asked PECC to arrange a meeting between his uncle (the Chief) and his mother. At the end of the meeting, his mother Mella decided that she could safely return home to care for her children.

[\(Case study from VWC’s monitoring and evaluation database, 2023\)](#)

## 9.5 Fighting back

Section 4.9 of this report presents data on the percentage of all ever-partnered women who have ever initiated physical violence against their husband or partner (when he was not already hitting her). Across Vanuatu, 16% have ever done so, and the vast majority of these are living with physical, sexual or emotional violence.

In addition, women who have been physically abused by their husbands or partners were asked if they have ever fought back or tried to defend themselves physically when he was physically abusing her. Seventy-one percent have never done so (about 7 in 10); 22% have defended themselves once or twice, 6% said they had defended themselves sometimes, and 1% said they had fought back many times (Figure 9.8).



Sources: Tables 9.10 and 9.11 of Annex 2.

In total, 29% of women have ever tried to defend themselves during a physical attack by their husband or partner. These women were also asked what effect this had on the physical abuse that they were experiencing at that time (Figure 9.9).

- For about 3 in 10 (32%), the partner's or husband's violence became worse, and 6% said that their attempts at self-defence had no effect on the violence.
- For the remainder the physical attack either stopped (19% or 2 in 10), or reduced (42% or 4 in 10).
- Women from rural areas were slightly more likely to defend themselves physically, with 72% doing so compared with 65% of those from urban areas, and 71% nationally (Table 9.10 of Annex 2).

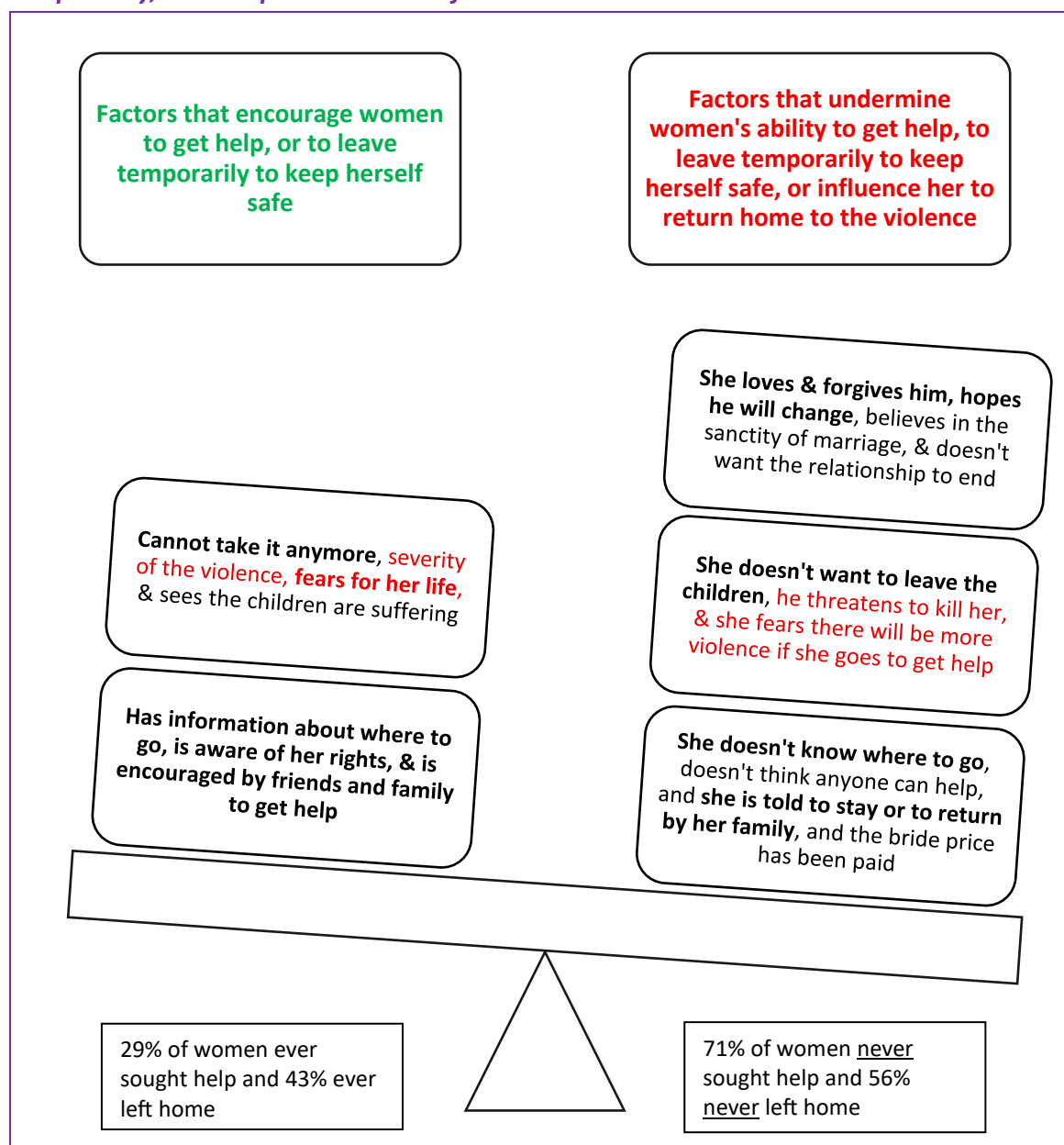
## 9.6 Summary of patterns and conclusions on coping factors

### Common patterns in women's help-seeking behaviour

Looking across the totality of the data collected, there are several broad factors that strongly influence women's coping responses to intimate partner violence – whether this be seeking help, leaving home temporarily, returning home, or never leaving (Box 9.5).

- On the negative side, the main motivations for getting help and leaving are fear of their husband or partner and his violence, the severity of the violence, and its overall impact on her life – for example, the fact that so many women take action when they “cannot take it anymore”.
- There are also common motivating factors that influence women to both seek help and to leave temporarily to seek safety – including knowing their rights, knowing where to go, and being encouraged and supported to take this action to keep themselves safe.

**Box 9.5: Summary of factors that influence women's capacity to ask for help, leave temporarily, and keep themselves safe**



Sources: The diagram above summarises data on women's main reasons seeking help from an agency or authority (or not), leaving home temporarily (or not) and returning home in Tables 9.3 to 9.9 of Annex 2, and Boxes 9.2 and 9.3 above.

We see the inverse of these very same factors in the data on factors that influence women not to leave, not to seek help, and to return back home after leaving (Box 9.5).

- Here, the countervailing motivations to fear of ongoing violence are women's love and forgiveness for the man who has harmed her, her hope that he will change, and her concern not to have her children taken from her care and custody.
- Moreover, those who never seek help say they don't have information about where to go. It is reasonable to conclude (taking into account VWC's internal qualitative and quantitative monitoring and evaluation database) that many of these women are not encouraged to take action to get help or to leave by friends or family, and the data indicates that some are actively discouraged from doing so (for example, Box 9.7).

All the factors in the survey data that influence women's coping strategies and help-seeking behaviour are reflected in VWC's three decades of counselling and prevention experience, with the majority of case studies documenting the push and pull of these various competing factors. They are also all addressed in VWC's complex and interlinking pathways of change that inform its program design (VWC 2021a: 93-96). This emphasises, among other things, the vital importance of victims/survivors, and their family and community networks having an understanding of the many different forms of domestic violence and its dire consequences, and that women and their social networks have information about their rights, and where to go to get help.

### Further perspectives from VWC's internal database and examples of help-seeking

It is very clear from all data sources that as a minimum, women need information about where to go to get help, as well as appropriate responses and support from trusted confidantes and service-providers if they make the difficult decision to seek help or leave home. VWC's internal data on help-seeking provides some important context to understand and contextualise the survey data.

Getting help is still as enormous step for women to take, and still only accessible to a minority. VWC's internal monitoring and evaluation data demonstrates that taking any form of legal action such as going to police or other authorities, or leaving temporarily, is an action taken by even fewer victims/survivors (Box 9.6).

One factor that no quantitative survey can properly measure, but which VWC counsellors see every day, is that intimate partner violence (and particularly emotional violence and coercive control) often seriously undermine women's self-esteem and their confidence to make such decisions, particularly when community and family members blame the woman for the actions taken by her husband and partner (see chapter 6 on attitudes to physical violence, and Box 9.7).

Moreover, the way that the various influencing factors play out varies enormously for individual women. For example, the time-frame for women to decide to seek help and then to take further action to stop the violence varies from a few days to many years (Boxes 4.7, 4.8, 9.4, 9.7 and 9.8). Case studies confirm the survey data that severity of the violence, their fear of being murdered, and her realisation of how much her children are suffering are what finally push women over the line to seek help or leave

#### **Box 9.6: Internal data on help-seeking from VWC**

A key principle underpinning VWC's counselling approach is to empower women to make their own decisions, and in their own time, whether that be on their first or subsequent visits to seek help.

- Over 5 years from July 2020 to June 2024, 19%\* of all the VWC Network's domestic violence new and repeat clients^ made a decision to report their cases to the police. In some of these cases, they went first to the police, who then referred them to VWC.
- During the same period, 15%\* of all domestic violence clients received Family Protection Orders (FPOs) – this accounts for about 74%\*\* of all FPOs issued in a comparable time period across Vanuatu. In order to receive an FPO, clients must also make a police report.
- When VWC clients need medical help, VWC also supports them to get this, if they decide to do so.

Source: VWC 2025b: 183-184.

\*Percentages are derived from Tables 5.7.1 and 6.3, which show 4,881 clients reporting to the police over the period, and 3,738 who received FPOs, among a total of 25,304 new and repeat domestic violence clients over the 4 year period.

^ A new client refers to the first time that a client comes to VWC for assistance; repeat clients are those that come back for further counselling.

\*\* This percentage is an estimate based on the number of VWC clients who received FPOs (3738) from July 2020 to June 2024, compared with a total of 5024 FPOs issued by the Magistrates Courts over comparable calendar years (2020-2024).



temporarily, and in a very small number of cases, to leave permanently. However, in many cases, **it is actually getting access to information about VWC and its services that prompts women to take the action needed to get help.**

Another key factor that the survey data does not adequately capture are the financial constraints that prevent women from being able to leave, with limited options in the Vanuatu context to earn an income, social expectations regarding where they should live, and inability to repay large amounts of bride price which are distributed to male relatives (Boxes 7.3, 9.7 and 9.8).

### ***Box 9.7: Daisy had begun to believe that she was stupid***

Daisy and Samuel have been together for 16 years since 2007. According to the customs of Samuel's Island, Daisy had to leave her home and island and live with him. They got married in 2015 after living in a de facto relationship, and they have 4 children together.

During their marriage, Daisy suffered all forms of domestic violence, including physical, sexual and psychological. Samuel, who was an alcoholic, forced Daisy into having unwanted sex, and when she refused, he physically assaulted her as well as wrongly accused her of having extramarital affairs. He incessantly called her names such as “dumb brain”, “empty brain”, and “stupid” **to the point where she started to believe that she was stupid.**

This violence continued even when Samuel started travelling to New Zealand for seasonal work. He never shared his money with Daisy and their children when he was overseas. She admitted that the only time she and the children lived in peace was when he was in New Zealand. But when he returned, the cycle of violence started again for Daisy.

On 1 January 2024, Daisy was again badly assaulted by Samuel despite her eldest children trying to stop him. When Samuel finally fell asleep from being too drunk, she took her youngest daughter and went to the police. From there, she was referred to the VWC for safety. After several counselling sessions, VWC assisted Daisy with taking out a 3-month Exclusive Occupation Order against Samuel and had her personal belongings removed from their home. She also decided to end the marriage and has filed for divorce with the help of the VWC legal officers. Samuel was later remanded and tried in the Magistrate's Court for his assault.

**When reflecting on her abusive relationship during counselling,** Daisy shared that she initially did not want to leave the relationship because she did not want other women to take advantage of their 4-bedroom house, which she worked hard to build with Samuel, as well as other properties on Samuel's custom land. She also felt like she could not leave the relationship due to the bride price.

She shared that she did not know where or who to run for help, and who would be willing to listen to her and understand her. Her own family blamed her for ‘getting into trouble’ every time she sought refuge at their place, fleeing from Samuel's violence. Similarly, when she took out a Family Protection Order against Samuel after one serious assault, his father, who is a church elder, was furious with Daisy for doing so.

With the assistance of VWC, Daisy and her 3-year-old daughter have now travelled to another island, as it is not safe to remain on Samuel's Island. She is now awaiting the court's review of her divorce case.

[\(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 28-29\)](#)

### ***Box 9.8: Marie gains more self-esteem and agency through counselling***

A week after Marie married Mathew, Marie's relatives reported seeing Mathew in an intimate extra-marital relationship with another woman, Jane. Marie decided to ask Mathew if it was true. Mathew denied all allegations and started physically assaulting Marie, such as tearing the clothes she was wearing, leaving Marie with a deep cut in her left eye from a punch.

The extramarital affairs and the violent and aggressive behaviours continued throughout their marriage, during which Marie gave birth to two daughters. But Marie could not take it anymore, so they separated 2 years ago. After the separation, Marie went to stay with her younger brother and her sister-in-law.

But Marie decided to go back to Mathew because she did not want her daughters to grow up without a father figure in their lives. Marie and Mathew got back together, but this did not stop Mathew from continuing with his extra-marital affairs and physically and verbally abusing Marie in public and in front of their daughters. He continued to exercise control over Marie and excluded her from any household decision-making. Additionally, he was not a good role model for their daughters. Besides not spending quality time with his daughters, he exposed one of them to a sexually inappropriate photo of a woman while she was playing on his phone.

After several counselling sessions, Marie decided that she was wasting her time with Mathew. She is so grateful for the information she received during her counselling sessions. Now, she has started a small business from which she can earn money to benefit her daughters and herself. She pays for her daughters' school fees, house rent, and other basic needs.

Marie had not even had her bath before going to VWC on her first visit. After several counselling sessions, and on her last visit, she came neatly dressed and in high spirits, and asked her counsellor to file for a divorce.

[\(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 44\)](#)

### ***Box 9.9: Breaking the cycle of violence***

Jodie's husband, Brian, was a pastor. They used to have a happy marriage and relationship. In 2021, their relationship and Brian's attitude changed after he returned from seasonal work. He began to abuse and assault Jodie. Jodie was also told that Brian had an extramarital affair during and probably after seasonal work ended.

Jodie came to the Tafea Counselling Centre (TCC) multiple times as a repeat client until one day, she was so badly assaulted that TCC assisted her to obtain a medical report and police statement. The counsellor continued to work with her to understand the cycle of domestic violence and to obtain a Family Protection Order (FPO), which included orders to remove Jodie's belongings and their children. They later went to the court to review the FPO.

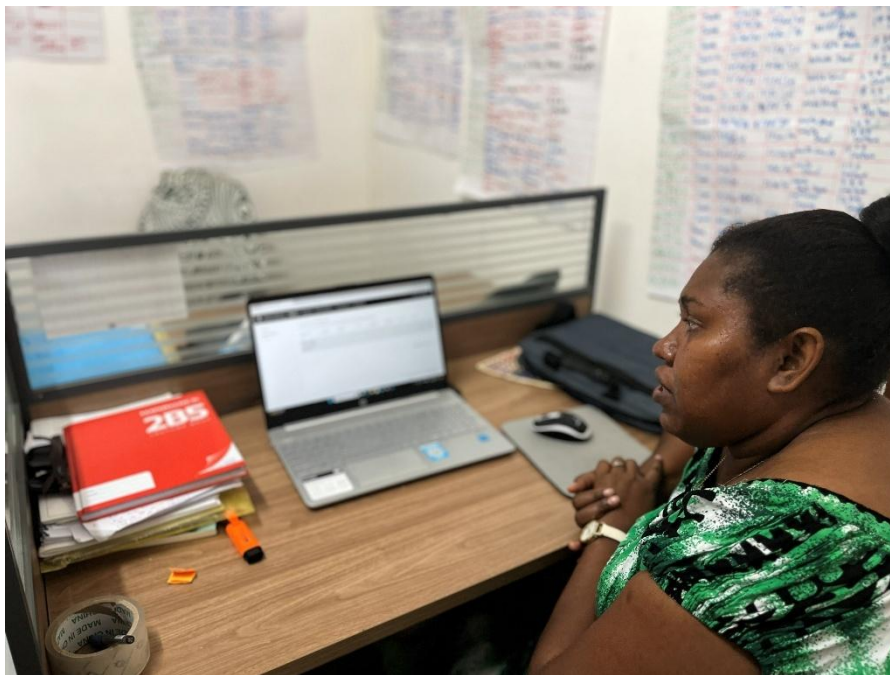
After the review, Jodie and Brian went to TCC, and Brian publicly apologised. He thanked TCC for making him realise how his negative attitudes and behaviours had impacted his family, and risked his family breaking up. He promised that he would never use violence again against his family.

[\(Case study from VWC's monitoring and evaluation database, VWC 2024c: 44\)](#)

Over the first twenty years of VWC's work, there were very few examples of women gaining financial autonomy and the confidence that they could care for themselves and their children. Over the last ten years, the number of case studies of women breaking these barriers has gradually increased.

Although some of the case studies shared in the report show women filing for divorce and opting for permanent separation, it is important to note that these are very much in a minority in VWC's caseload – they are selected as cases for documentation when they show the struggles that women have been through to come to these decisions, the time that it takes, and the transformation in the women themselves.

**Women do not come to VWC to find a way out of their relationships; as the survey data shows, they love their husbands and partners, and they come to find a way out of the violence.** There are many clients who come back to VWC to report that their husband or partner has changed his behaviour, at least in the short to medium-term, and they share their happiness about this with their counsellors. These women and their partners can be very powerful roles models in the community (for example, the case studies documented in Boxes 6.3 and 9.9).





## Chapter 10: Risk factors associated with partner violence against women

### *Box 10.1: Key findings on risk and protective factors*

#### **What factors may put women at greater risk of experiencing current physical or sexual violence by a husband or partner?**

- **No one single factor predicts the likelihood that women will experience partner violence** in the last 12 months before the survey. Instead, there is a complex interplay of factors that influence women's risk.
- Thirteen factors are associated with partner violence: 6 are factors in the woman's background, 5 are factors in the husband's/partner's background, and 2 describe factors in their relationship.

#### **Factors in the woman's background that increase the likelihood she is currently experiencing partner violence are:**

- young age (versus older age);
- she experienced non-partner sexual violence over the age of 15 years;
- she experienced childhood sexual abuse under the age of 15 years;
- her first sexual experience was coerced or forced;
- her mother was hit by her mother's husband or partner; and
- she drinks alcohol at least once a month.

#### **Factors in the man's background that increase the likelihood that a woman is currently experiencing partner violence are:**

- young age (versus older age);
- he frequently uses alcohol, home brew or kava (daily or weekly);
- he has ever fought with another man;
- he has had relationships with other women during his relationship with the respondent; and
- he was hit as a child.

#### **Factors in the relationship between the respondent and her husband or partner are:**

- there are 3 or more children in the household; and
- the woman's family chose her husband for her (versus a mutual choice between the respondent and her husband).

#### **What factors are likely to protect women from experiencing violence?**

- **No protective factors were found to be significant in the final multi-variate model.** However, membership of a community-based group was the strongest factor identified that may afford some protection to women.

Besides exploring the prevalence and the patterns of violence, the study gathered data on factors that might put women at risk of partner violence or protect them from it. Understanding these factors is important for the purposes of programming and designing interventions to end violence against women and girls. Using data from the 2024 prevalence survey, this chapter presents the findings from a risk-factor analysis to identify the characteristics that may increase or decrease the likelihood that a woman or girl experiences violence by a male partner in Vanuatu.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>18</sup> This chapter is very closely based on the report of the Vanuatu risk factor analysis undertaken by Seema Vyas, who developed the methodology and undertook the logistic regression analysis (Vyas 2025).

## 10.1 Methodology

The analysis applied the same methodology used for risk factor analyses in other settings, such as Vietnam and Sri Lanka, that explored characteristics related to the woman, her partner and the relationship, that may predict whether a particular woman experiences physical and/or sexual partner violence in the 12 months prior the interview (MOLISA, Government of Viet Nam et al 2020; Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka 2020). Adaptations for the Vanuatu context were made, including consideration of some factors found to be statistically significant in the 2009 risk analysis (VWC and VNSO 2011).

### 10.1.1 Sub-sample for statistical analysis

This analysis focuses on understanding the factors associated with physical and/or sexual partner violence women experienced in the past 12 months. This analysis used data from a sub-sample of 1,892 women aged 15-64 and consisted of 769 ever-partnered women whose current or most recent male partner was physically and/or sexually violent towards them in the past 12 months, and 1,123 ever-partnered women who did not mention any physical or sexual violence by any recent partner (Box 10.2).

#### *Rationale for the analysis sample (Box 10.2)*

In total, 2769 women and girls aged between 15 and 64 years were interviewed in the survey. The population of interest for the risk factor analysis is women at risk of violence by a male intimate partner or “ever-partnered women”. Ever-partnered women comprise those women who reported in the survey that they were (or had ever been) married, or living with a man but not married, or who were in a relationship with a man but not living with him (such as a dating relationship) at the time of interview.

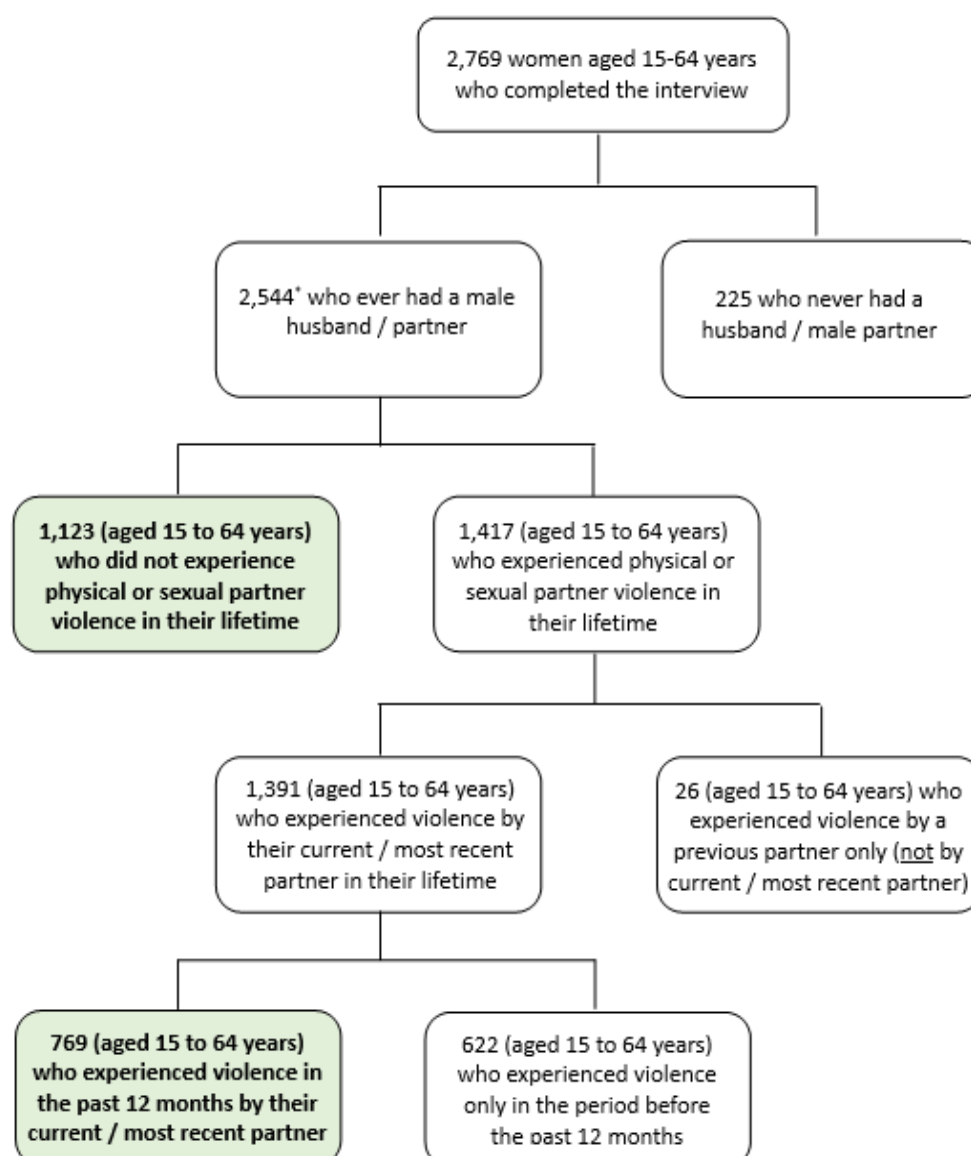
From the initial total sample of 2769 interviewed women and girls, 225 reported they had never had a male intimate partner and were excluded from the analysis. This yielded a sub-sample of 2544 ever-partnered women who were asked questions about whether they had ever experienced specific violent acts by a male partner; however, 4 respondents did not answer questions on partner violence so were excluded from the analysis.

Of the 2540 ever-partnered women aged 15 to 64 years, 1417 had experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Only those women whose current or most recent partner was violent were included in the sub-sample (and not those who experienced violence by a previous partner only). This was because data on partner characteristics were collected for the current or most recent partner only. Thus, the 26 women who experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a previous partner only were excluded from the analysis sample, yielding 1391 women who had ever experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence by their current or most recent partner.

There were 622 women who experienced violence by their current/most recent partner, but not in the 12 months preceding the survey; these respondents were also excluded from the analysis. This was because their assignment to the comparator group of women who had not experienced partner violence in the past 12 months would potentially bias the statistical results. By virtue of having ever experienced violence (before the past 12 months) these women may exhibit underlying differences with women who have never experienced violence in their lifetime.



**Box 10.2: Numbers of women in the survey by partnership status and experience of physical and/or sexual violence by a husband or partner, Vanuatu 2024**



\* Four women did not answer questions on experience of partner violence and were excluded

Source: Vvas 2025: 3

### 10.1.2 Variables used in the analysis

**Outcome variable:** The outcome variable (also referred to as “dependent variable”) in this analysis is physical and/or sexual violence by a current/most recent partner experienced in the past 12 months (current partner violence). Any acts of physical and/or sexual violence are included.

**Potential risk factors for physical and/or sexual violence:** A total of 43 factors were explored in the analysis. Factors included variables relating to the woman and her partner such as socio-demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, prior experiences with violence, behavioural characteristics, attitudes towards wife beating and sexual obligation (woman), and social networks and capital (woman). Variables relating to the couple were also included in the analysis such as relative socio-demographic and socioeconomic status, marriage arrangements, household wealth,

and the number of children. Finally, two geographical variables were included, region, and urban/rural. A list of all the factors explored and subcategories is shown in Box 10.3.

**Box 10.3: Independent variables used for risk factor analysis for current partner violence in Vanuatu, 2024 (underlined categories are used as the reference category)**

| Variable                                 | Categories                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>INDIVIDUAL WOMAN</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Demographic characteristics</b>       |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Age group                                | 15-19, 20-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, <u>55-64</u>                                                                                                           |
| Partnership status                       | <u>Married</u> , Living with partner, Dating, Divorced/separated, Widowed, Separated (dating)                                                             |
| Age at first marriage                    | <16, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-24, <u>25-29</u> , 30+, Never married, Don't know/no answer                                                                  |
| <b>Socioeconomic characteristics</b>     |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Education                                | No education, Primary, Secondary, <u>Higher/tertiary</u>                                                                                                  |
| Earns an income                          | <u>No</u> , Yes, No answer                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Past experiences of violence</b>      |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Physical violence since 15               | <u>No</u> , Yes                                                                                                                                           |
| Sexual violence since 15                 | <u>No</u> , Yes                                                                                                                                           |
| Childhood sexual abuse                   | <u>No</u> , Yes, No answer                                                                                                                                |
| Age at first sex                         | <16, 16-17, 18-21, <u>22+</u> , Not had sex, No answer                                                                                                    |
| Nature of first sex                      | <u>Wanted</u> , Unwanted/forced, Not had sex, Don't know/no answer                                                                                        |
| Woman's mother beaten                    | <u>No</u> , Yes, Parents did not live together, Don't know/Refused to answer                                                                              |
| <b>Behavioural characteristics</b>       |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Alcohol use                              | <u>Never/rarely</u> , Daily to once or twice a month, Don't know/no answer                                                                                |
| <b>Social norms: attitudes towards</b>   |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Wife beating under certain circumstances | <u>No reason to hit</u> , At least one reason to hit, Don't know/no answer                                                                                |
| Refuse sex under certain circumstances   | <u>Refuse all circumstances</u> , At least one reason can't refuse, Don't know/no answer                                                                  |
| Wife swapping                            | <u>Disagree</u> , Agree, Don't know/no answer                                                                                                             |
| Wife is property if bride price paid     | <u>Disagree</u> , Agree, Don't know/no answer                                                                                                             |
| <b>Social networks/capital</b>           |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Proximity to family                      | <u>Not close</u> , Close/live with natal family, Don't know/no answer                                                                                     |
| Frequency of family                      | <u>Lives with family</u> , At least once a week, Once a month or less, Never, Don't know/no answer                                                        |
| Can count on family support              | <u>No</u> , Yes                                                                                                                                           |
| Live with woman's or husband's family    | <u>Neither family</u> , Live with his family, Live with her family, Live with both families, Not living with partner, Never married, Don't know/no answer |
| Grew up in same community                | <u>No</u> , Yes, Don't know/no answer                                                                                                                     |
| Member of a group                        | <u>No</u> , Yes, Don't know/no answer                                                                                                                     |
| <b>MALE PARTNER</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Demographic characteristics</b>       |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Age group                                | 16-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, <u>50+</u> , Don't know/no answer                                                                                             |

| Variable                                | Categories                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Education                               | No education, Primary, Secondary, <u>Higher/tertiary</u> , Don't know/no answer                                                          |
| Occupation                              | <u>Working</u> , Unemployed, Retired, Student, Disabled/sick, Overseas work/study, Don't know/no answer                                  |
| <b>Behavioural characteristics</b>      |                                                                                                                                          |
| Alcohol use                             | <u>Never</u> , Daily, Weekly, Once or twice a month, Once or twice a year, Don't know/no answer                                          |
| Drug use                                | <u>Never used</u> , Current user, Previous user, Don't know/no answer                                                                    |
| Fights with other men                   | <u>No</u> , Yes, Don't know/no answer                                                                                                    |
| Extramarital relationships              | <u>No</u> , Yes, May have, Don't know/no answer                                                                                          |
| Children with other women               | <u>No</u> , Yes, May have, Don't know/no answer                                                                                          |
| <b>Past experiences of violence</b>     |                                                                                                                                          |
| Partner's mother abused                 | <u>No</u> , Yes, May have, Don't know/no answer                                                                                          |
| Partner abused as a child               | <u>No</u> , Yes, May have, Don't know/no answer                                                                                          |
| <b>RELATIONSHIP CHARACTERISTICS</b>     |                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Couples' demographics</b>            |                                                                                                                                          |
| Number of children born alive           | <u>0</u> , 1, 2, 3-4, 5+                                                                                                                 |
| Household asset index                   | <u>Low</u> , Middle, High                                                                                                                |
| <b>Relative status</b>                  |                                                                                                                                          |
| Age                                     | <u>Same</u> , He older 5+ years, She older 5+ years, Don't know/no answer                                                                |
| Education                               | <u>Same</u> , His higher, Hers higher, Don't know/no answer                                                                              |
| Financial contribution to the household | <u>Same</u> , Less than partner, More than partner, She not working, Don't know/no answer                                                |
| <b>Marriage arrangements</b>            |                                                                                                                                          |
| Choice in partner                       | <u>Both chose</u> , Woman, Woman's family, Partner, Partner's family, Other, No ceremony/lived with man                                  |
| Had a marriage ceremony                 | <u>No</u> , Yes, Never married/lived with man                                                                                            |
| Marriage involved bride price           | <u>No</u> , Yes, Don't know/no answer, Never married/lived with man                                                                      |
| Bride price paid                        | <u>Not paid/partially paid</u> , Paid in full, Bride price not involved, No ceremony, Don't know/no answer, Never married/lived with man |
| <b>Geography</b>                        |                                                                                                                                          |
| Region                                  | <u>Port Vila</u> , Luganville, Torba, Sanma, Penama, Malampa, Shefa, Tafea                                                               |
| Urban / rural                           | <u>Urban</u> , Rural                                                                                                                     |

Source: Vyas 2025: 5.

### 10.1.3 Analysis strategy for risk-factor analysis

Using the analysis sub-sample described above, univariate logistic regression was used to estimate the crude associations between each potential risk factor and violence by a partner in the past 12 month. Multivariate logistic regression was used to measure associations accounting for the effects of several factors simultaneously.

Results are expressed as odds ratios: a ratio of the odds of violence in a group with the presence of a certain characteristic, compared to the odds of violence in a group with the absence of that particular characteristic (the reference category). A crude odds ratio is the result from the univariate analysis that considers the factor of interest, adjusted only for the women's age and geographical characteristics. Adjusted odds ratios are the results of the multivariate analysis and they reflect the

odds that remain, when the effect of all other factors is simultaneously accounted for. The size of the odds ratios and confidence intervals tell us if a factor is a risk factor or a protective factor.

For the univariate logistic regression, a probability value (p-value) of 0.10 or less was considered significant. Variables associated with partner violence in the univariate regression were subsequently included in a multivariate logistic regression model. Woman's age, region and urban/rural factors were also included in the multivariate model regardless of the p-value (age as a default effect modifier and geographical characteristics as fixed factors). For the final multivariate model, a p-value of 0.05 or less was considered significant to determine which factors were independently associated with partner violence. All analyses were conducted using STATA version 17.0 and adjusted for sample weights and sample clusters.

## 10.2 Risk factors for currently experiencing physical or sexual violence by a husband/partner

Using the sub-sample described in the section 10.1.1, the number of ever-partnered women in each sub-category and for each factor, and the proportion (weighted) of women experiencing current violence by a partner is shown in Table 10.1 of Annex 2. Also shown in Table 10.1 are the results of the risk-factor analyses; that is, the results from the univariate logistic regressions and the multivariate logistic regression (intermediate and final models) between each described covariate and current physical or sexual violence by a partner. The percentages referred to in the sections below refer to weighted data from the modelled sub-sample, unless otherwise specified.

### 10.2.1 Women's characteristics

#### *Women's socio-demographic characteristics*

Three socio-demographic characteristics of women were explored: age, partnership status, and age at first marriage. Younger women and those who marry at an early age are hypothesised to face a heightened risk of violence because of their youth and relative inexperience, which may limit their power within relationships (Glass et al. 2003; Raj et al. 2010; Decker et al. 2015).

#### **Age group**

Respondent ages were grouped as: 15–19, 20–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–54, and 55–64. The prevalence of current partner violence was highest among women aged 15–19 and lowest among those aged 55–64. A systematic decline in the prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was observed with increasing age. In the regression analyses, the oldest age group (55–64 years) served as the reference category. In the univariate model, women in all age categories demonstrated a significantly higher risk of experiencing partner violence in the past 12 months compared to the reference group with younger age categories associated with progressively higher odds of violence. **This heightened risk linked to younger age remained statistically significant in the intermediate and final models for women in age groups between 15 to 44 years.**

#### **Partnership status**

Slightly over half of the respondents were married, more than one-third were cohabiting with their partner, and approximately 8% were in dating relationships. The remaining respondents were either separated from their partner or widowed. The prevalence of partner violence within the past 12 months was highest among women cohabiting with their partner and lowest among widowed women. In the regression analyses, married women were used as the reference group. In the univariate analysis, women cohabiting with their partner demonstrated a significantly higher risk of experiencing partner violence in the past 12 months, while separated and widowed women

exhibited a significantly lower risk. However, these significant relationships did not persist in the intermediate model and this variable was excluded from the final model.

### **Age at first marriage/cohabitation**

Most women (93.8%) had been married or cohabited with a male partner. Over 40% of women indicated that their first marriage or cohabitation occurred before the age of 20 years. Specifically, 28.4% entered their first marriage or cohabitation at ages 18 or 19 years, 10% at ages 16 or 17 years, and 5.1% at an age younger than 16 years. The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was highest among women in these three age categories, with rates of 47.6%, 48.7%, and 49.8%, respectively. In the regression analysis, the age group of 25 to 29 years at first marriage or cohabitation was used as the reference category. In the univariate analysis, women who entered their first marriage or cohabitation in the youngest three age categories were significantly more likely to have experienced partner violence in the past 12 months. However, this significant relationship did not persist in the intermediate model and was excluded from the final model.

### ***Women's socioeconomic characteristics***

Two indicators of women's economic status were examined: educational attainment and whether respondents earned an income. Economic status theories posit that women who are economically dependent on their partners face a heightened risk of violence. This vulnerability arises from limited economic resources, which constrain their ability to leave abusive relationships or negotiate for change (Gelles 1976). Consequently, higher levels of educational attainment and employment, particularly formal employment, are expected to be associated with a reduced risk of experiencing partner violence. However, evidence from various contexts indicates mixed findings. While aspects of women's empowerment—such as employment, economic independence, and asset ownership—have been shown to be protective in some settings, they have been associated with increased risk in others (Vyas and Watts 2009; Peterman et al. 2017), including the 2009 risk analysis in Vanuatu (VWC and VNSO 2011: 174).

#### **Educational attainment**

Over one-third of respondents completed primary education, while slightly more than half attained secondary education. Five percent had never attended school, and 4.4% had higher or tertiary education. Partner violence in the past 12 months was most prevalent among women with no schooling and least prevalent among those with tertiary education, the reference group in regression analyses. However, univariate analysis found no significant association between educational attainment and partner violence, and this factor was excluded from multivariate analyses.

#### **Earns an income**

Approximately 80% of respondents earned an income at the time of the interview. Partner violence prevalence in the past 12 months was similar for women who earned income and those who did not (38.4% vs. 38.0%). Univariate regression found no significant association between income earning and partner violence, so this factor was excluded from multivariate analyses.

### ***Women's experience with other forms of violence or exposure to violence***

Six indicators were used to examine the relationship between women's experiences of, or exposure to, non-partner violence and the occurrence of physical and/or sexual partner violence within the past year. The six indicators were: non-partner physical violence since 15, non-partner sexual violence since 15, childhood sexual abuse, age at first sex, nature of first sex, and woman's mother hit or beaten. Theories rooted in social cognition, including social learning theory, learned helplessness theory, and the life course perspective, suggest that violence within the family of origin—whether directly through child maltreatment or indirectly via exposure to interparental

violence—and experiences of violence or sexual coercion in adolescent dating relationships place adolescent girls and young women on a trajectory toward continued abuse. This trajectory includes an increased risk of experiencing partner violence in young adult relationships (Cui et al. 2013; Fang and Corso 2007; Halpern et al. 2009; Johnson et al. 2015). Early exposure to violence may reinforce beliefs of inferiority or normalise acceptance of abuse, perpetuating vulnerability to further victimisation later in life.

### Physical violence by others since age 15

Nearly one-third of women reported experiencing non-partner physical violence since the age of 15, with 49.5% reporting partner violence in the past 12 months, compared to 33.1% among women who had never experienced non-partner physical violence (the reference category). In the univariate regression analysis, women with a history of non-partner physical violence were at a significantly higher risk of experiencing partner violence in the past 12 months compared to those without such a history. However, this association was no longer significant in the intermediate model and so was excluded from the final model.

### Sexual violence by others since age 15

One in five women had experienced sexual violence by a non partner since the age of 15 years. Of these, 64.9% had experienced partner violence, compared to 31.6% among women who had never experienced non partner sexual violence. In the univariate analysis, women with a history of non-partner sexual violence since the age of 15 were at significantly higher risk of experiencing partner violence in the past 12 months compared to those without such a history. **This association remained significant in the final model, with women who experienced non-partner sexual violence having 1.66 times the odds of experiencing partner violence.**

### Childhood sexual abuse

About 30% of women reported childhood sexual abuse, of whom 63.0% experienced partner violence, compared to 28.4% among those without such abuse (the reference category). **Childhood sexual abuse was significantly associated with partner violence in both univariate and final models, with affected women having 2.44 times the odds of experiencing partner violence in the final model.**

### Age at first sex

Respondent age at first sex were categorised as: less than 16 years, 16-17, 18-21, 22 or older, not had sex, and no answer. Almost 15% reported their first sexual encounter was before the age of 16 years of which slightly over one-half (50.2%) had experienced partner violence in the past 12 months. There was a systematic decline in prevalence of partner violence by age at first sex. In the regression analyses, age at first sex of 22 years or older served as the reference category. In the univariate analysis, there was a significantly higher risk of partner violence in the past 12 months for all three younger age categories, however, this relationship did not hold in the intermediate regression model and so was excluded from the final model.

### Nature of first sex

Nearly 30% of respondents reported that their first sexual encounter was unwanted or forced. In both the univariate and final models, women who reported an unwanted or forced first sexual experience were significantly more likely to experience partner violence in the past 12 months, compared to those who reported a wanted first sexual experience. **In the final model, women whose first sexual encounter was unwanted or forced had 1.69 times the odds of experiencing partner violence.**



### **Mother hit or beaten**

Over 40% reported that their mother had been hit or beaten by a male partner, and prevalence of partner violence was higher among women who reported this (48.3%) compared to 30.2% among women who reported that their mother had not been hit or beaten by a partner. In the univariate analysis, women who reported that their mother had been beaten were at significantly higher risk of current partner violence compared to women who reported that their mother had not been beaten. This significant relationship remained in the final multivariate regression model with **women who reported their mother had been hit or beaten having 1.55 times the odds of experiencing partner violence.**

### *Behavioural characteristics*

The relationship between women's alcohol use and partner violence remains underexplored in existing research. Alcohol consumption by women may heighten their vulnerability to violence, particularly if it is perceived as a deviation from socially prescribed norms of appropriate or acceptable wifely behaviour. Additionally, women may engage in alcohol use as a coping strategy to manage stress or trauma (Vyas and Jansen 2018).

### **Alcohol use**

Women's alcohol use was categorised into three groups: never/rarely (reference category), at least once per month (frequent), and don't know. Univariate analysis revealed a significant association between frequent alcohol use and higher rates of partner violence in the past year. This relationship remained significant in the multivariate final model, with **women who consumed alcohol at least once per month exhibiting 1.43 times higher odds of experiencing partner violence compared to those who never or rarely consumed alcohol.**

### *Gender norms and attitudes*

Four measures of gender attitudes were explored, including attitudes towards: wife beating, women's sexual obligation, exchange of women and girls in marriage arrangements, and a wife becomes her husband's property if a bride price is paid. The association between gender-inequitable attitudes, which include beliefs that normalise male dominance, and violence against women is well-documented (Heise 2011). Gender-inequitable attitudes contribute to the perpetuation of violence against women through several mechanisms including the normalisation of violence and the reinforcement of power imbalances.

### **Attitudes toward wife beating**

Two-thirds of respondents (66.0%) endorsed at least one justification for men beating their wives. Rates of partner violence in the past 12 months were comparable between those who supported and those who did not support such justifications. In the univariate regression analysis, no significant difference was observed in the odds of partner violence over the past 12 months between women who agreed with at least one justification for wife abuse and those who did not endorse any justification (the reference category).

### **Women's sexual obligation**

Nearly three-quarters of respondents (72.9%) agreed that a woman cannot refuse her husband sex under at least one circumstance. The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was lower among women who believed a woman cannot always refuse her husband sex (35.6%) compared to those who believed a woman can refuse her husband sex under any circumstance (47.8%). In the univariate model, women in the former group were significantly less likely to experience partner violence in the past 12 months compared to the reference category; however, this association did

not remain significant in the intermediate multivariate regression model and was subsequently excluded from the final multivariate model.

#### **Exchange of women and girls in marriage arrangements**

Respondents were asked if they agreed or disagreed with the statement *“it is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage”* (see Annex 1, question 606b). In the univariate analysis, no significant difference in exposure to violence was observed between women who agreed with this statement and those who disagreed.

#### **A wife becomes her husband’s property if a bride price is paid**

Respondents were asked if they agreed or disagreed with the statement *“if bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of her husband”* (see Annex 1, question 606c). In the univariate model, there was no significant difference in violence exposure between women who agreed with the statement and women who disagreed with the statement.

#### **Social capital**

This analysis explored six indicators of women’s social capital: proximity to their natal family, co-residence with family, frequency of contact with their natal family, the ability to rely on their family for support, having grown up in the same community, and membership in a group. Women with strong social networks may be better positioned to seek support or intervention from family or friends in situations of violence. Conversely, social isolation may increase women’s vulnerability to partner violence. Consequently, the presence of extensive social networks may serve a protective role.

##### **Proximity to natal family**

The vast majority (84%) of women reported that they either lived with or lived close to their natal family. There was little difference in the prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months between women who reported they lived with or lived close to their natal family (38.2% and 39.5% respectively). In the univariate regression analysis, this indicator was not significant and was excluded from the multivariate regression analysis.

##### **Co-residence with family**

Over 40% reported they lived with their partner’s family, 16.7% lived with her family and 37.9% did not live with either his or her family. Living with their own family and was significantly protective against partner violence in the past 12 months, compared to women who lived with neither sets of families. However, this relationship did not hold in the intermediate model and was excluded from the final model.

##### **Frequency of contact with family**

In the univariate model women who reported they had infrequent contact with their family (once a month or less) were not significantly more likely to have experienced partner violence in the past 12 months, however, women who were living with their natal family were at significantly lower risk. This relationship did not hold in the intermediate model and was excluded from the final model.

##### **Count on family for support**

Approximately 84% of women reported that they could rely on their family for support. The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was 39.2% among those who could rely on their family, compared to 34.3% among those who could not. In the univariate regression analysis, this indicator was not significantly associated with partner violence.

### Respondent grew up in same community

Approximately 20% of women reported growing up in the community where they currently reside, while nearly 80% indicated they did not. The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was 43.3% among those who grew up in their current community, compared to 37.2% among those who had not. In the univariate regression analysis, this indicator was not significantly associated with partner violence in the past 12 months.

### Membership of a group

Nearly two-thirds of women reported being members of a group, with a prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months of 35.2%, compared to 43.8% among women who were not group members. In the univariate regression analysis, group membership was associated with a significantly lower risk of partner violence in the past 12 months compared to non-members (reference category). **This association remained significant in the intermediate multivariate regression model but became insignificant in the final multivariate model.**

## 10.2.2 Partner characteristics

### *Sociodemographic and socioeconomic characteristics*

Three indicators of partner socio-demographic and socioeconomic characteristics were explored: age, educational attainment, and occupational status. Social and economic theories, such as resource theories, have sought to explain the association between male economic status and violence. These theories propose that men with lower socioeconomic standing—characterised by low educational attainment, income, or occupational status—are more likely to perpetrate violence (Goode 1971; Gelles 1987; Straus 1990). According to these frameworks, men may resort to violence either to assert dominance within the family and compensate for their lack of economic resources or as an expression of frustration stemming from their economic insecurity, which may lead to increased hostility towards their wives.

### Age

Partners' ages were categorised into six groups: 16–24, 25–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50 years or older, and don't know. The highest prevalence of current partner violence (55.9%) was among women with partners aged 16–24, while the lowest prevalence (21.6%) occurred among those with partners aged 50 years or older, the reference group in regression analyses. Univariate analysis revealed that women with partners aged 16–24 and 30–39 were significantly more likely to experience current partner violence. In the final regression model, the association remained significant for **women with partners aged 16–24, who were 3.90 times more likely to experience violence compared to the reference group. Women with partners aged 25–29 were also at increased risk, with an odds ratio of 1.98.**

### Educational attainment

Over 40% of partners had either attained only primary education (36.6%) or had no formal education (5.8%). Partner violence in the past 12 months was most prevalent among women with partners who had no formal education (50.6%) and least prevalent among those with higher or tertiary education (23.0%), reflecting a decreasing trend with increasing educational attainment. In regression analyses, higher or tertiary education served as the reference category. Univariate analysis showed a higher risk of current partner violence among women with partners who had no formal or only primary education, consistent with a dose-response relationship. However, this association was not significant in the intermediate multivariate model and was excluded from the final model.

### Occupation

Partner occupation was categorised as: not working, unemployed, retired, student, disabled or long-term sick, overseas work or study, and don't know. The highest prevalence of partner violence (50.6%) was observed among women whose partners were unemployed. Univariate regression indicated a significantly higher risk of partner violence for women with unemployed partners compared to those with employed partners (the reference category). However, this association lost significance in the intermediate multivariate model and was excluded from the final model.

### *Male partner behavioural characteristics*

Five partner behavioural characteristics were examined: alcohol use, drug use, physical fights with other men, extramarital relationships, and fathering children with other women during the relationship. Excessive alcohol consumption has been consistently associated with an increased risk of partner violence against women (Green et al. 2017). Heavy drinking can lead to behavioural disinhibition, impaired cognitive functioning, and heightened aggression toward partners and others. Excessive alcohol use and extramarital relationships are also viewed as expressions of harmful masculinities, hypothesised to increase women's vulnerability to partner violence by exacerbating marital conflict and limiting women's autonomy (Connell and Messerschmidt 2005).

### Alcohol consumption

Partner alcohol consumption was categorised as: daily, weekly, once or twice a month, once or twice a year, never, and don't know. The highest prevalence of partner violence (54.7%) was reported by women whose partners drank daily, while the lowest rates were among women whose partners never drank (17.3%) or whose drinking habits were unknown (6.1%). Women with partners who never drank served as the reference category in regression analyses. In the univariate model, **women with partners who drank alcohol were significantly more likely to experience violence than those whose partners abstained**. This association remained significant in multivariate models for women whose partners drank daily or weekly, with **adjusted odds ratios of 3.22 and 2.19, respectively**.

### Drug use

Partner drug use was categorised as: current user, former user, never used, and don't know. Partner violence in the past 12 months was highest among women with former drug-using partners (71.0%) and current users (62.3%). Women whose partners never used drugs served as the reference category in regression analyses. In the univariate model, women with partners who were current, or former drug users had a significantly higher risk of violence than those with partners who never used drugs. This significant relationship persisted in the intermediate model but was insignificant in the final model.

### Fighting with other men

Nearly 20% of women reported their partner had fought with another man. Partner violence in the past 12 months was nearly twice as prevalent (62.3%) among these women compared to those whose partners had never fought (the reference category). This association was significant in univariate analysis and remained so in the final multivariate model, with **women whose partners engaged in fights being 1.73 times more likely to experience partner violence**.

### Relationships with other women

Approximately one-third of women reported their partner had (30.9%) or may have had (1.6%) relationships with other women during their relationship. Partner violence was notably high among these women, at 53.7% and 63.5%, respectively. In univariate analyses, **women with partners who had or might have had extramarital relationships experienced significantly higher rates of violence compared to those whose partners had none**. This association remained significant in the final multivariate model, with an adjusted odds ratio of 1.58 and 8.71 respectively.

### Partner having children with other women while with the respondent

Nearly 12% of women reported that their partner had (11.7%) or might have (0.8%) fathered children with other women during their relationship. Partner violence was most prevalent (57.4%) among women whose partners had fathered children with other women. Univariate analyses showed a significantly higher risk of violence for these women compared to those whose partners had not fathered children with others, but this association was not significant in the intermediate model and was excluded from the final model.

### Partner experiences of violence in childhood

Two indicators were used to examine the relationship between partners experiences of, or exposure to violence in childhood and the occurrence of physical and/or sexual partner violence within the past year.

#### Mother hit or beaten

Fifteen percent of women reported that their partner's mother had been beaten, and 2.9% stated that their partner's mother might have been beaten. Women in these groups experienced the highest prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months, at 58.4% and 49.8%, respectively. In the univariate analysis, a significantly higher risk of partner violence was observed among these women compared to those who reported that their partner's mother had not been beaten (the reference category). However, this association did not remain significant in the intermediate model and was excluded from the final model.

#### Hit or beaten as a child

Seventeen percent of women reported their partner had experienced childhood abuse, with 2.9% uncertain. Partner violence was most prevalent (67.6%) among women whose partners had been beaten as children compared to 32.1% among women whose partners had not been beaten. Univariate analysis showed a significant association between a partner's history of childhood abuse and an increased risk of partner violence which remained significant in the final model. **Women with partners who experienced childhood abuse were 2.95 times more likely to experience violence.**

## 10.2.3 Relationship characteristics

### Household sociodemographic characteristics

Levels of violence are hypothesised to be higher in poorer households because poverty stress leads to arguments over money (Gelles 1987; Straus 1990). Other researchers assert that women's overwhelming responsibility for caring for children creates pressures for women to remain in abusive relationships (Kalmuss and Straus 1982).

### Household socioeconomic status

This study used a household assets index as a proxy for household socioeconomic status, classifying households into poorest, middle, and highest asset wealth groups (see Annex 3). The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was highest among women in the low asset wealth group (48.3%) and lowest in the high asset wealth group (22.2%). In the regression analysis, low asset wealth was used as the reference category, and women in the high asset wealth group were found to be at significantly lower risk of partner violence in the past 12 months. However, this relationship did not remain significant in the intermediate model and was excluded from the final model.

### Number of children born alive

The number of children born to women was categorised as: no children, one child, two children, three or four children, and five or more children. The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12

months was relatively consistent across these groups. Respondents with no children served as the reference category. In the univariate analysis, women with more than two children were at a higher risk of experiencing partner violence compared to those with no children. This association remained significant in the final model; **women with three or four children had 2.07 times the odds of experiencing violence and women with five or more children who had 3.78 times the odds of experiencing violence.**

### *Relative status*

Some theories suggest that economic disparities favouring women—such as women having higher levels of education than their partners, being employed while their partners are not, or earning a higher income—may increase women's risk of partner violence. This risk arises from challenges to traditional gender norms (Macmillan and Gartner 1999; Atkinson et al. 2005).

### *Relative age*

Two-thirds of respondents indicated an age difference of less than five years between themselves and their partners, with 28.1% reporting that their partner was older. The prevalence of partner violence was highest among women who reported being the same age as their partner (the reference category). In the univariate analysis, no significant association was observed between relative age and the experience of partner violence in the past 12 months.

### *Relative level of education*

The relative educational attainment of women compared to their partners was categorised as equal education (the reference category), lower education, or higher education. In the univariate analysis, no significant association was found between women's relative level of education and the occurrence of current partner violence.

### *Relative financial contribution to the household*

Women were asked to compare their financial contributions to the household with those of their partners, with responses categorised as: less than partner, same as partner (the reference category), more than their partner, not working/earning, or no answer. In the univariate analysis, no significant association was observed between relative financial contribution to the household and experiences of partner violence in the past 12 months.

### *Marriage arrangements*

Four measures of marriage arrangements were explored: women's choice in choosing their husband, whether the marriage involved a ceremony, whether the marriage involved a bride price, and if so, whether the bride price had been paid.

### *Choice of partner*

Nearly half of the respondents reported that both they and their partner mutually chose each other, while 4.4% indicated that they chose the relationship. Additionally, 2.2% indicated that their birth family made the choice, and 7.9% reported that their partner's family decided. **The prevalence of partner violence was significantly higher among women whose family selected their husband.** In the regression analysis, mutual choice served as the reference category. In the univariate regression model, women whose family made the choice were found to be at significantly higher risk of experiencing partner violence. This relationship remained significant in the final model, with an adjusted odds ratio of 2.81.



### Marriage ceremony

Women were asked whether their marriage involved a ceremony: 66.8% reported that it did, while 28.7% reported that it did not (4.5% indicated they had never been married). The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was higher among married women who did not have a ceremony (43.7%). This group was used as the reference category in the regression analysis. In the univariate analysis, no significant association was identified between having a marriage ceremony and experiences of partner violence in the past 12 months.

### Bride price

Women were asked whether their marriage involved a bride price; slightly over half (51.8%) reported that it did, while 14.9% indicated that it did not. The remaining respondents either were unsure or had never been married. In the univariate analysis, no significant differences in rates of partner violence were identified between women whose marriages involved a bride price and those whose marriages did not.

### Payment of bride price

Women who reported that their marriage involved a bride price were asked whether the bride price had been fully paid. Ever-partnered respondents were categorised into three groups of interest: not paid/partially paid, paid in full, and bride price not involved. Women who had never married were categorised as: no ceremony, don't know, or never lived with a man. Compared to women whose bride price was not paid or only partially paid (the reference category), those whose bride price had been paid in full were at a significantly lower risk of partner violence. However, this relationship did not remain significant in the intermediate regression model and was therefore excluded from the final model.

## 10.2.4 Geographical characteristics

Two indicators of geographic residence were examined: region and urban versus rural location. The prevalence of partner violence in the past 12 months was highest in Torba (57.7%) and in rural areas (42.5%) and lowest in Port Vila (19.9%) and in urban areas (24.7%). Univariate analyses revealed that partner violence in the past 12 months was significantly higher among women in all regions compared to those in Port Vila. There was no significant difference in the rate of partner violence by urban or rural location when also adjusting for region. In the final multivariate model, partner violence in the past 12 months remained significantly higher in Penama and Sanma provinces, with Port Vila as the reference category.

## 10.3 Summary of risk factor analysis findings

This study explored the extent to which 43 factors, which related to women, their male partners, and their relationship, increased or decreased women's risk of current partner violence. The findings confirm that no one single factor predicts the likelihood of whether a woman is at risk of partner violence or not, but rather it is a complex interplay of factors which influence risk (see Box 10.4).

### Summary of univariate logistic regression results

Of the 43 factors examined, 30 were significantly associated with current partner violence:

- **Individual Level:** Women's age, partnership status, age at first marriage/cohabitation, experience of non-partner physical or sexual violence, childhood sexual abuse, age at first sex, nature of first sexual experience, maternal exposure to partner violence, women's attitudes toward sexual relations, alcohol use, frequency of family contact, cohabitation with family, and group membership.
- **Partner Level:** Partner's age, educational attainment, occupation, frequency of alcohol use, drug use, history of fighting with other men, relationships with other women, having

children with other women, maternal exposure to partner violence, and childhood experience of being hit or beaten.

- **Relational Level:** Two aspects of marriage arrangements (partner choice and bride price payment) and household characteristics (number of children and household wealth).
- **Location:** Urban/rural location (only when geographic regions were excluded).

Women's economic status (education and whether they earn an income), three measures of women's attitudes (attitudes towards wife beating, swapping women and girls, and payment of bride price means women and girls are property) and three measures of women's social capital (proximity to natal family, counting on family for support, and growing up in the same community) were not significantly associated with past year partner violence. In addition, none of the three measures of relative economic status (age, education and financial contribution to the household), and the two measures of marriage arrangements were not significantly associated with past year partner violence (whether marriage involved a ceremony and whether the marriage involved a bride price). Therefore, these thirteen factors were excluded from the intermediate multivariate model.

### Summary of multivariate logistic regression results

Of the 30 factors included in the intermediate multivariate regression model, 16 factors retained a significant association with past year partner violence in the intermediate model, and 14 remained significant in the final multivariate regression model. Six factors related to the individual woman: age, three indicators of women's prior experiences of sexual violence (non-partner sexual violence, childhood sexual abuse, and nature of first sexual experience), and mother hit by her partner, and women's alcohol use. Five factors related to the woman's partner: age, 3 characteristics of men's behaviour (alcohol use, ever fought with other men, and relationships with other women), and partner hit as a child. The remaining 3 factors related to whether or not the woman was able to choose her own partner, the number of children in the household, and geographic location.

As noted above, women's membership of a group not remain significant in the final multivariate analysis. However, among all the potential protective factors considered, this afforded the most protection to women.

**Box 10.4: Risk factors associated with current partner violence (bold: significant in univariate analysis; pink shading: significant in multivariate intermediate only; peach shading: significant in final analysis)**

| Women's characteristics                                 | Partner characteristics                                        | Household and community characteristics                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Women's socio-demographic characteristics</u>        | <u>Male partner socio-demographic characteristics</u>          | <u>Household</u>                                         |
| <b>Young age (versus older age)</b>                     | <b>Young age (versus older age (50 or older))</b>              | High household wealth (versus low)                       |
| Partnership status                                      | <b>Higher/tertiary education (vs not attended school)</b>      | <b>3 or more or more children (versus no children)</b>   |
| Young age at first marriage (versus older age)          | <b>Unemployed (versus working)</b>                             |                                                          |
| Education                                               |                                                                |                                                          |
| Earns an income                                         |                                                                |                                                          |
| <u>Women's other experiences of violence</u>            | <u>Partner behavioural characteristics</u>                     | <u>Relative economics status</u>                         |
| Non partner physical violence                           | <b>Frequent alcohol/home brew/kava use (vs never)</b>          | Relative age                                             |
| <b>Non partner sexual violence</b>                      | <b>Former drug user (versus never used)</b>                    | Relative education                                       |
| <b>Childhood sexual abuse</b>                           | <b>Ever fought with another man (versus never fought)</b>      | Relative contribution to household                       |
| Young age at first sex                                  | <b>Relationship with other women during relationship</b>       |                                                          |
| <b>Forced or coerced first sexual experience</b>        | <b>Child with another women during relationship (vs never)</b> |                                                          |
| <b>Mother hit</b>                                       |                                                                |                                                          |
| <u>Gender attitudes</u>                                 | <u>Partner prior experiences of violence</u>                   | <u>Marriage arrangements</u>                             |
| Wife beating acceptable                                 | <b>Mother hit</b>                                              | <b>Woman's family chose husband (vs mutual choice)</b>   |
| Refusing a husband sex under any circumstance           | <b>Partner hit</b>                                             | Type of marriage                                         |
| Acceptable a woman can be swapped for marriage          |                                                                | Marriage involved bride price                            |
| A woman is husband's property if bride price is paid    |                                                                | Bride price paid in full (vs not paid or partially paid) |
| <u>Women's behavioural characteristics</u>              |                                                                |                                                          |
| <b>Alcohol use</b>                                      |                                                                |                                                          |
| <u>Women's social capital</u>                           |                                                                | <u>Geography</u>                                         |
| Proximity to natal family                               |                                                                | <b>Region (versus Port Vila)</b>                         |
| Lives with family (vs weekly contact with family)       |                                                                | Rural (versus urban)                                     |
| Can count on family for support                         |                                                                |                                                          |
| Lives with her family (versus doesn't live with family) |                                                                |                                                          |
| Respondent grew up in same community                    |                                                                |                                                          |
| <b>Member of a group (versus not a member)</b>          |                                                                |                                                          |

Source: Table 10.1 in Annex 2. Note: membership of a group was not significant in the final multivariate analysis, but is highlighted in bold because it is the only protective factor that was significant in the univariate and intermediate analyses.



## Chapter 11: Comparison of data from Vanuatu's 2009 and 2024 surveys, and international comparisons

### Box 11.1: Key findings on what changed between 2009 and 2024

#### How has the prevalence of intimate partner violence changed between 2009 and 2024?

- **The current prevalence of physical and/or sexual partner violence has decreased by 9% since 2009.** Few other countries in the Asia-Pacific region (with comparable studies over time) have seen a reduction of this magnitude. All other indicators for current prevalence (in the last 12 months before the survey) have also decreased.

#### How have women's coping strategies and help-seeking behaviour changed?

- The percentage of women who have confided in someone about partner violence has increased by 8%. However, the percentage who have sought help from an agency or person in authority has decreased by 12%.
- On the positive side, two agencies have increased the percentage of women who have sought help from them: VWC (increased by 6%) and Chiefs (increased by 2%).
- The percentage who said that their family had encouraged them to seek help has increased (by 11%), and those who said they had information about where to go has increased by 7%.

#### How has the prevalence of non-partner violence changed between 2009 and 2024?

- Comparative data is limited to lifetime prevalence which is less sensitive to change. However, prevalence of physical and/or sexual non-partner violence since age 15 has decreased by 2%.
- The prevalence of child sexual abuse has increased by 2%, but this national figure masks some differences in experience by age, with younger women today less likely to have experienced this form of abuse than older women.

#### How have women's attitudes changed?

- Some attitudes have changed in favour of gender equality and women's rights, but most have changed very little, or changed towards views that undermine women's rights.

This chapter compares key findings from VWC's first and second surveys conducted in 2009 and 2024. It begins with a review of factors to consider when interpreting the two data sets, and what we can reasonably conclude without further detailed statistical analysis. Key indicators are compared on the prevalence of intimate partner violence, women's coping strategies, the prevalence of non-partner violence, and changes in women's attitudes to gender equality and partner violence. Similarities and differences in key risk factors between 2009 and 2024 are also discussed, and a comparison made with global and regional estimates of violence against women.

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#### *Thoughts from Merilyn Tahi (VWC founder) on the 2009 prevalence survey*

*"When you have a woman's organisation leading research like this, the findings just keep on being used, because we carry through with our commitment. ...*

*All along the way we have been informed by our work with survivors ...*

*We have learned from all of them."*

(VWC 2022: 32, 58-59)

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## 11.1 Summary of changes in key indicators, and considerations for interpretation

### How does the 2024 data in this chapter differ from that presented in chapters 4 to 10?

There are some key differences between the 2024 survey data presented in this chapter, compared to earlier chapters, which need to be noted at the outset:

- All national rates presented in earlier chapters are for all women aged **15 to 64**, whereas all data in this chapter is for the age group **15-49 only** (see section 2.2.1).
- National rates in previous chapters have been weighted unless otherwise noted, in accordance with current international standards, whereas most data presented in this chapter is unweighted (see section 2.4).

One of the strengths of the comparative analysis below is that the same methodology was used for both the 2009 and 2024 studies. However, weighted data was not used in the 2009 report, and it is not within the current scope of this research to weight it retrospectively. Moreover, in keeping with updates to the WHO methodology, the age range was expanded for the 2024 survey, whereas the 2009 was limited to women aged 15-49 (the recommended standard at that time). It is necessary to compare changes based on a consistent age range across the two surveys, and to use a consistent method of analysis.

Consequently, **the national prevalence rates presented in this chapter are not the same as those used in chapters 4 and 5**. The rates used in this chapter are the most valid rates to use for a comparison with 2009, to understand the rate and direction of change. However, that is the only way they should be used: **the prevalence rates presented in earlier chapters should be used in local and international dissemination of the 2024 survey findings**.

### Key principles for comparing the two datasets – what can we reasonably conclude?

A comparative study published in 2023 has been undertaken of prevalence data across 7 countries in South and Southeast Asia. Each of these 7 countries has undertaken either two or three surveys using similar methodologies, providing an important opportunity to assess the pace of change across different contexts. The conclusions from this study are important to consider before analysing the changes seen in Vanuatu between 2009 and 2024 (Vyas et al 2023a: 1-3).

First, the authors conclude that national average rates of prevalence can hide more complex patterns among different categories of survivors/victims (Vyas et al 2023a: 1). Indeed, such differences have been observed and analysed in the 2024 Vanuatu data in previous chapters, by age and location among others. Comparing national averages is useful and provides information for planning. However, it is also important to understand how and why prevalence may have changed within different sub-categories of women over the last 15 years. This requires a deeper analysis of the types and severity of violence between the two data points which is beyond the scope of this study. Therefore, some comparisons are necessarily preliminary and need to be treated with caution. A deeper analysis of these differences may be undertaken in future, funding permitting.

Most importantly, the authors also emphasise that a minimum of 3 data points is required for trend analysis (Vyas et al 2023a: 1-3). In Vanuatu, we have only two data points – 2009 and 2024 – so it should not be assumed that the changes observed are either indicative of *trends*, or of *sustainable* changes in key indicators, given the deep-seated inter-generational nature of violence against women and girls, the long-term evidence of high levels of

*“It is also clear that more than two data points are necessary to identify trends over time, and interventions driving or preventing that change.” (Vyas et al 2023a:1)*



acceptance and tolerance of violence, and its embeddedness in cultural and social norms (see chapters 6, 8, 9 and 10).

The changes observed and discussed below can be trusted: they are based on consistent and high quality datasets. Nevertheless, they are changes observed at two different points in time, and where those changes are positive and point to improvements in women's lives, they indicate an opportunity to consolidate change. Where they are negative, they indicate the need for further investigation, review of strategies, and concerted action.

***Box 11.2: Considerations, strengths and cautions when interpreting changes between 2009 and 2024<sup>19</sup>***

**1. Comparing lifetime versus past 12 months prevalence rates:**

With the same methods and quality of data, **changes in lifetime prevalence rates of violence are highly unlikely in a 15-year interval.** Once a woman has experienced violence it remains with her for her lifetime (see also Box 2.8). The cohort interviewed in 2009 has a large overlap with the cohort interviewed in 2024: women who were 15 to 49 years old in 2009 would now be 15 years older and would all still be eligible to be interviewed. **The prevalence of violence in the last 12 months is more sensitive to change as this reflects what is happening now.** If there are changes in rates of violence, they should be first visible in the patterns of "current violence". This is why the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators on violence against women focus on prevalence in the last 12 months.

**2. Changes in context, policies, laws and awareness may affect both prevalence and disclosure:**

Much has changed in the Vanuatu context since 2009 (see chapter 1): new branches were set up by VWC in Torba, Malampa and Penama provinces, the number of CAVAWs was expanded throughout rural areas, many male advocates and Chiefs received training from VWC, and the Family Protection Act (passed in 2008) gradually began to be implemented, albeit slowly (VWC 2022). The number of VWC clients increased significantly, and VWC's prevention work has been extensive and ongoing, with hundreds of activities carried out across the country annually, and many thousands of women and men having been exposed to messages on women's human rights and ending violence against women and girls (VWC 2025b: 197-198). Increased awareness of the issue can affect disclosure in a variety of different ways, either positively or negatively.

**3. Differences in the questions used in 2009 and 2024:**

Using different questions is likely to affect answers and thus potentially prevalence rates. In Vanuatu, the majority of questions remain exactly the same in the two surveys; this is a strength in the comparative analysis of intimate partner violence. However, for both physical and sexual non-partner violence since age 15, more specificity has been used for acts of violence and more details on perpetrators were included. For controlling behaviours by husbands/partners, data was not collected for current prevalence in 2009 (in the last 12 months), and this also applies to all non-partner violence prevalence rates, which makes valid comparisons in these areas difficult and potentially less reliable, given the overlap in age groups between the two surveys, because it is only possible to compare lifetime rates (see point 1). Updates to the WHO standard template and the addition of new areas of enquiry lengthens the questionnaire, which may also affect disclosure rates.

**4. Other differences in the methodology:**

Variations in methods can influence the disclosure of partner and non-partner violence. In Vanuatu, the same methodology was used for both surveys, which is a strength. Similar approaches were taken to interviewer selection, intensive interviewer training and mentoring, and referral and safety protocols. The 2024 data were gathered on tablets using Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI) software (see chapter 2) rather than with paper questionnaires. While sampling strategies were similar, the age range of the sample differed (see point 1 above). To compensate for any difference that this may cause in prevalence measures, in this chapter we strictly compare with women in the age group 15-49, the age range used in 2009. As noted above, all the data here is unweighted, due to the fact that 2009 data was not weighted and it is not feasible to weight the data retrospectively within current limitations of time and budget.

<sup>19</sup> Text in this box is adapted for the Vanuatu context from the 2019 Vietnam survey report, MOLISA, GSO and UNFPA 2020: 140-141.

**Box 11.3: Summary of changes in key indicators among women aged 15-49, unweighted, Vanuatu 2009 and 2024**

| Violence by a current or former husband or partner                                                                                                                           |                                                                                             |          |          | Change from 2009 to 2024 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Indicator                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                             | 2009 (%) | 2024 (%) |                          |
| Physical partner violence                                                                                                                                                    | Lifetime                                                                                    | 51       | 52       | ↑1                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | 33       | 29       | ↓4                       |
| Sexual partner violence                                                                                                                                                      | Lifetime                                                                                    | 44       | 30       | ↓14                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | 33       | 17       | ↓16                      |
| Physical and/or sexual partner violence                                                                                                                                      | Lifetime                                                                                    | 60       | 57       | ↓3                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | 44       | 35       | ↓9                       |
| Emotional partner violence                                                                                                                                                   | Lifetime                                                                                    | 68       | 70       | ↑2                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | 54       | 51       | ↓3                       |
| Financial/economic partner violence                                                                                                                                          | Lifetime                                                                                    | *        | 33       | *                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | *        | 27       | *                        |
| Controlling behaviours (coercive control)                                                                                                                                    | Lifetime                                                                                    | 69       | 75       | ↑6                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | *        | 61       | *                        |
| Coping with partner violence<br>• among all ever-partnered women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence                                                         | % of women who told someone about violence from their husband/partner                       | 56       | 64       | ↑8                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | % of women who <u>sought help</u> from an agency or person in authority                     | 43       | 31       | ↓12                      |
| Help-seeking from an agency or person in authority<br>• among all ever-partnered women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who sought help               | % of women who sought help from police                                                      | 23       | 23       | No change                |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | % of women who sought help from health services                                             | 35       | 8        | ↓27                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | % of women who sought help from Chiefs or custom court processes                            | 55       | 57       | ↑2                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | % of women who sought help from a church leader                                             | 53       | 27       | ↓26                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | % of women who sought help from VWC                                                         | 12       | 18       | ↑6                       |
| Violence by someone other than a current or former husband or partner (non-partner violence)                                                                                 |                                                                                             |          |          |                          |
| Physical non-partner violence since age 15^                                                                                                                                  | Lifetime                                                                                    | 28       | 37       | ↑6                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | *        | 11       | *                        |
| Sexual non-partner violence since age 15^                                                                                                                                    | Lifetime                                                                                    | 33       | 25       | ↓8                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | *        | 4        | *                        |
| Physical and/or sexual non-partner violence since age of 15^                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                    | 48       | 46       | ↓2                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Last 12 months                                                                              | *        | 13       | *                        |
| Child sexual abuse                                                                                                                                                           | Ever before the age of 15 years                                                             | 30       | 32       | ↑2                       |
| Women's attitudes and perceptions about gender equality, women's human rights, and intimate partner violence                                                                 |                                                                                             |          |          |                          |
| Women's attitudes to gender roles, gender equality and women's human rights (attitudes where there are <u>negative changes</u> away from gender equality and women's rights) | % who agree that "a good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees"                      | 50       | 51       | ↑1                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | % who agree that "a man should show he is the boss"                                         | 40       | 47       | ↑6                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | % who agree that "if bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband" | 53       | 55       | ↑2                       |

| Violence by a current or former husband or partner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                              |          |          | Change from 2009 to 2024 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Indicator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                              | 2009 (%) | 2024 (%) |                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | % who agree that “a woman should not touch food when she has her period/menstruation”                        | 58       | 73       | ↑15                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | % who agree that “a woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/partner disapproves” | 47       | 38       | ↓9                       |
| Women’s attitudes to gender roles, gender equality and women’s human rights (attitudes which show <u>positive change towards gender equality and women’s rights</u> )                                                                                                                                                                           | % who agree that “family problems should only be discussed within the family”                                | 82       | 79       | ↓3                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | % who agree that “if a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside the family should intervene”           | 74       | 75       | ↑1                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | % who agree that “it is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage”               | 36       | 26       | ↓10                      |
| Women’s attitudes to physical partner violence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | % who agree with one or more “good reasons for a man to hit his wife/partner”                                | 60       | 64       | ↑4                       |
| Women’s attitudes on a woman’s right to refuse sex with her husband/partner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | % who agree with one or more reasons that “a married woman can refuse to have sex with her husband”          | 96       | 91       | ↓5                       |
| Sources: VWC 2011 and Tables 11.1 to 11.11 in Annex 2.<br>* These indicators were not included in the questionnaire for the 2009 survey.<br>^ The 2024 survey asked about more acts, and more specific acts than in 2009 for both physical and sexual non-partner abuse over the age of 15. See the notes in Table 11.6 in Annex 2 for details. |                                                                                                              |          |          |                          |

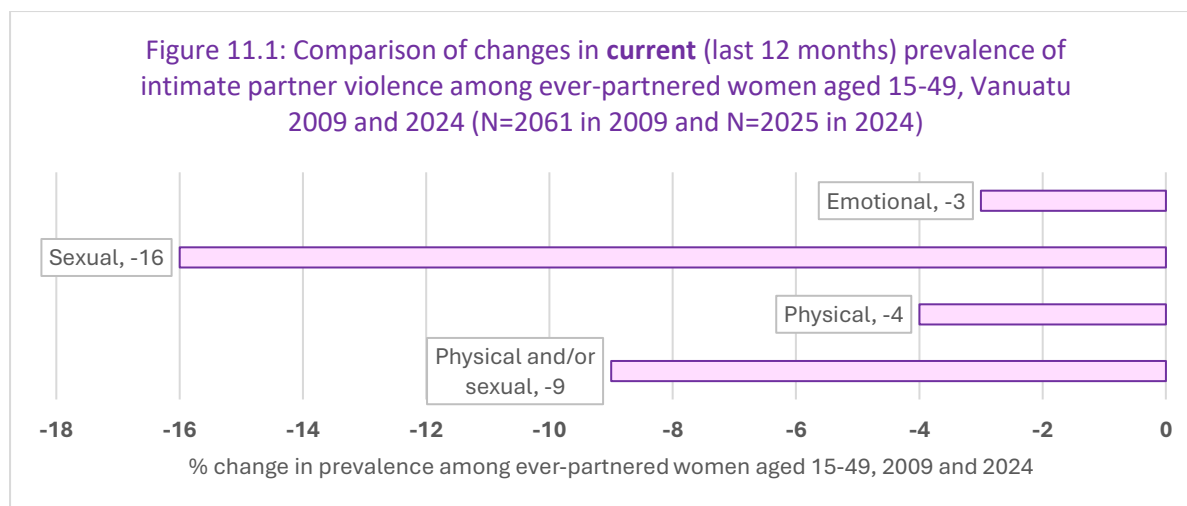
## 11.2 Violence against women by husbands or partners, and women’s coping strategies

### What are the main changes in the prevalence of intimate partner violence?

It is very encouraging that all indicators for current prevalence of intimate partner violence have reduced, although some have reduced more than others. **The prevalence of physical and/or sexual partner violence has reduced by 9% since 2009.** Current rates of physical partner violence have reduced by 4%, and sexual partner violence has reduced by 16%. The lifetime prevalence of physical and/or sexual violence has also decreased by 3% (Figure 11.1 and Tables 11.1-11.2 of Annex 2).

Current prevalence of emotional violence has only reduced by 3%, and the lifetime rate has increased by 2% (Figure 11.1 and Table 11.2 of Annex 2). VWC’s experience indicates that this form of violence is both more difficult for women themselves to acknowledge, and more hidden from family and community attention, as well as being deeply embedded in views on gender equality and gender roles (see section 4.4). Moreover, acts of physical and sexual violence, being more visible, are easier to prosecute than acts of emotional violence and controlling behaviours.

Unfortunately, we do not have comparative indicators for the current prevalence of either controlling behaviours or financial/economic violence, because these indicators were standardised and included in the WHO model after 2009. However, the lifetime prevalence of controlling behaviours has increased by 6% (Figure 11.2 of Annex 2). Notwithstanding the cautions regarding the use of lifetime indicators for this comparison, this is nevertheless a concerning finding.



Sources: Tables 11.1 and 11.2 in Annex 2.

The reduction in current sexual partner violence is the most interesting to explore, but further detailed analysis of the 2009 dataset is needed to do this properly, and conjecture on contextual factors that may be contributing to this change need to be informed in the first instance by comparative data. Although it is worth noting that there is a strong taboo against talking about sexual matters, this is considered unlikely to have contributed to the decrease (see more discussion on this in section 11.3 and in sections 4.2, 4.6 and 5.5).

However, some comparisons of the combined rate of lifetime physical and/or sexual violence are possible. This shows that lifetime prevalence has actually reduced by 5% for very young women aged 15-19, and by 6% for those aged 20-24. This may appear counter-intuitive, given that young women in these 2 age groups currently experience the highest levels of physical and/or sexual partner violence compared to women in other age groups (see Figure 4.19). Further analysis is needed to explain this observation.

#### What are the main changes in women's coping strategies and help-seeking behaviours?

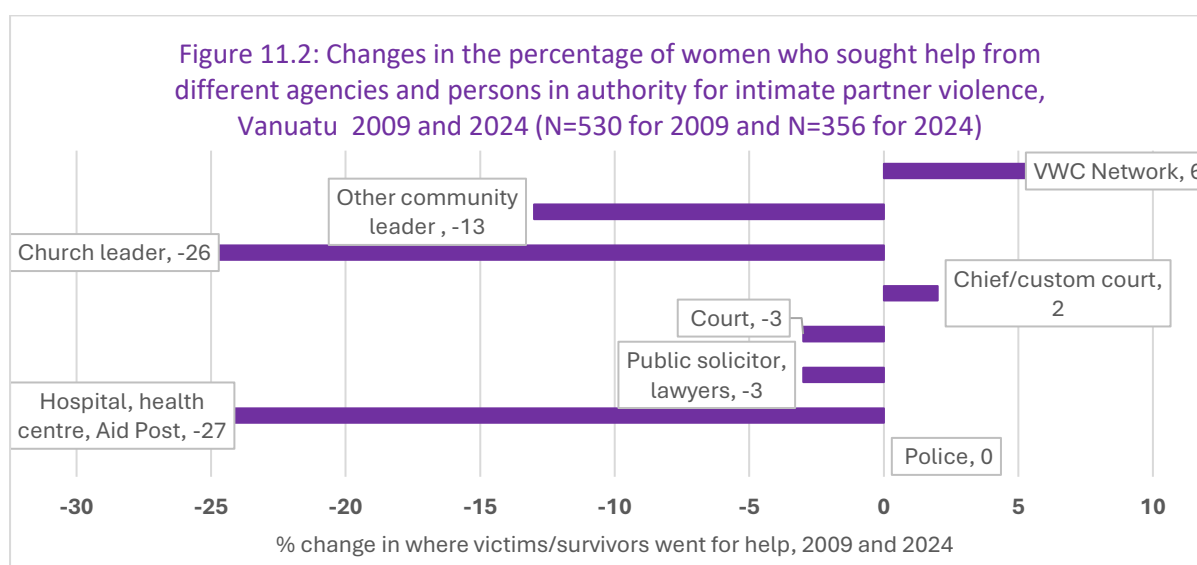
There are both positive and concerning signs in the changes seen in help-seeking behaviour since 2009 among women who experienced physical and/or sexual violence. On the positive side, the percentage of women who have told someone about the violence has increased by 8%.

However, this increase in women feeling comfortable to tell someone about the violence is not reflected in similar changes in help-seeking behaviour. Overall, the percentage of victims/survivors of partner violence who sought help from an agency or person in authority has decreased by 12%. This is alarming, particularly when we consider changes in where women are (and are not) going for help. **The findings are a wake-up call for all stakeholders who want to join hands with VWC to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls (Figure 11.2).**

**There are only 2 agencies/authorities where there has been an increase in the percentage of women who said they had sought help (Figure 11.2). This increased by 6% for the VWC Network,** including VWC in Port Vila, its branches and CAVAWs in the provinces and its male advocacy network, all of which have expanded since 2009 with regular training and support provided on non-judgemental, confidential counselling underpinned by an understanding of the issues of violence against women and an explicit commitment to women's rights. There is a wealth of case studies in the VWC internal database describing Chiefs who support women by bringing them to VWC services, as well as other male advocates trained by VWC. There are also many documented cases of relatives and friends who have sought help themselves and seen things change, or who simply attended one

of VWC's prevention events and who have then brought their relatives or neighbours along to assist them to take the first step in help-seeking – often the hardest step for women living with domestic violence.

**There has also been an increase of 2% in the proportion of victims/survivors who have gone to Chiefs (Figure 11.2).** Although many Chiefs have benefitted from VWC's training and advocacy, and have modified their responses as a result, the key point here is that Chiefs and custom court processes remain the first people in authority who women choose to or are able to go to for help (see section 9.2 for further discussion on this point). Their role in assisting to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls remains paramount: how they respond – particularly if their response is compassionate, non-judgemental, and based on an understanding of the law – will determine how much longer many women will continue to live with intimate partner violence. Their own behaviour – and that of their close male relatives – are widely known in their communities and are signposts to both women and men about how pleas for help will be viewed (see Box 6.3 and 9.4).



Source: Table 11.3 in Annex 2.

There has been no change in the percentage of women seeking help from police from 2009 through to 2024. In addition, the courts, the public solicitor and other lawyers have seen a reduction in women seeking their help (reduced by 3% each from 2009 to 2024). However, the largest reductions are seen in women seeking help from church leaders (reduced by 26%) and health centres, hospitals and aid posts (reduced by 27%).

This data on women accessing police for help is interesting given the key role that the police need to play in the implementation of the Family Protection Act, and the issuing of Family Protection Orders (FPOs) (as noted in chapter 9, over 70% of 5024 FPOs issued between 2020 and 2024 have been facilitated by VWC, see section 9.6). One reason for the lack of growth in reporting to police may simply be the lack of accessibility to Police Posts and stations for the majority of women in rural and remote areas. This reason may also partly explain the reduction in women seeking help from legal agencies, health centres and hospitals.

One of the explicit assumptions in VWC's monitoring and evaluation framework is that reporting to police and health authorities by victims/survivors (regardless of whether they also come to VWC for help) can only be expected to increase gradually (given 43% of women had never told anyone about the violence in 2009), and only if there are effective responses to violence against women and girls practised by these agencies. Unfortunately, consistent annual administrative data on domestic

violence cases reported to these agencies has not been regularly available in Vanuatu, so this hampers the interpretation of the data changes observed between 2009 and 2024. Police data has been requested annually by VWC (for VWC’s annual progress reports) and shows fluctuations in the number of domestic violence reports, with several years unavailable (Figure 11.3 and 11.5).

Figure 11.3: Police administrative data on domestic violence cases provided to VWC, documented in VWC monitoring and evaluation reports, 2009 to 2024

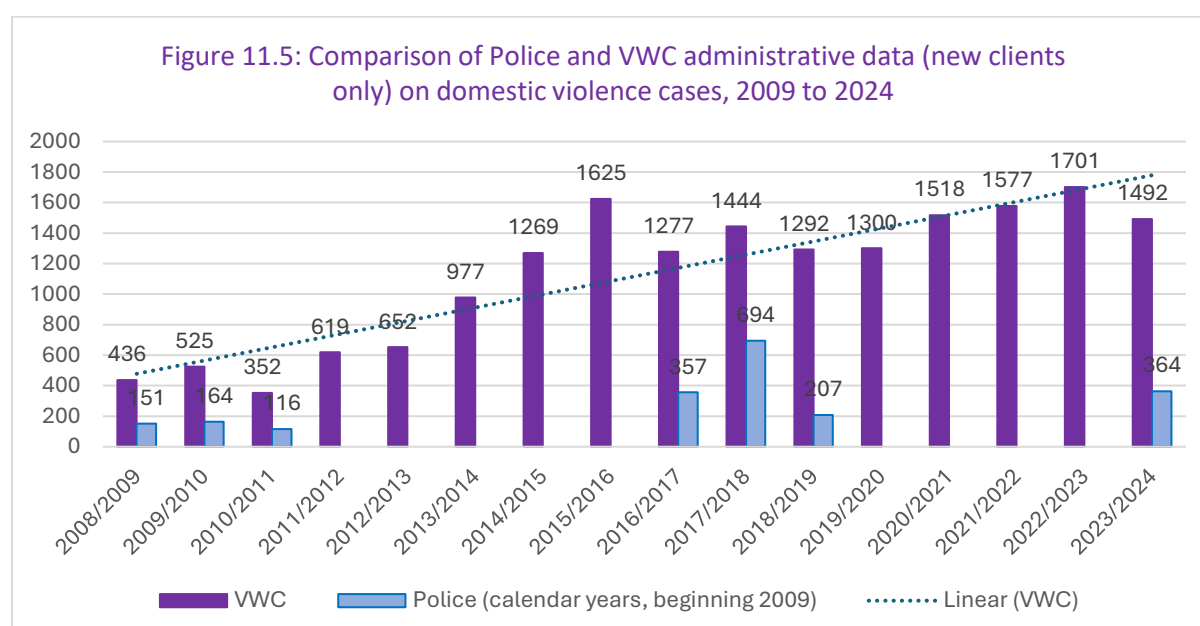
| Year | DV Cases | Year      | DV Cases      | Year         | DV Cases      |
|------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2009 | 151      | 2012-2016 | Not available | Jan-Apr 2019 | 207           |
| 2010 | 164      | 2017      | 357           | 2020 - 2023  | Not available |
| 2011 | 116      | 2018      | 694           | 2024         | 364           |

Sources: VWC 2025b: 184; VWC 2021b: 107; VWC 2016:103. DV – domestic violence. Note that this data does not include cases where Family Protection Orders are issued, which also involves making a police report.

Figure 11.4: VWC Network new domestic violence cases, 2009 to 2024

| Year      | New DV Cases | Year      | New DV Cases | Year      | New DV Cases |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 2008/2009 | 436          | 2014/2015 | 1269         | 2019/2020 | 1300         |
| 2009/2010 | 525          | 2015/2016 | 1625         | 2020/2021 | 1518         |
| 2010/2011 | 352          | 2016/2017 | 1277         | 2021/2022 | 1577         |
| 2011/2012 | 619          | 2017/2018 | 1444         | 2022/2023 | 1701         |
| 2012/2013 | 652          | 2018/2019 | 1292         | 2023/2024 | 1492         |
| 2013/2014 | 977          |           |              |           |              |

Sources: VWC 2012a: 159-160; VWC 2012b: 72-73; VWC 2016: 79-85; VWC 2021b: 75-83; VWC 2025b: 156.



Sources: Figures 11.3 and 11.4 above - VWC 2012a: 159-160; VWC 2012b: 72-73, 107; VWC 2016: 79-85, 103; VWC 2021b: 75-83; VWC 2025b: 156, 184. Note that this data only represents a fraction of VWC’s total client caseload over the period, which also includes both new and repeat counselling sessions on child maintenance, family maintenance, child abuse, rape, sexual harassment, incest and others.

Fluctuations from year to year in reports of domestic violence cases to any agency or person in authority are to be expected, given the range of push and pull factors already analysed (see chapter 9), as well as factors such as the impact of Vanuatu’s many disasters on women’s capacity to seek help (see section 4.8). However, trend data can assist with interpreting and validating the comparisons between 2009 and 2024 survey data. Overall, while there does appear to be a small increase shown in reporting to police in the administrative data (Figure 11.3 and 11.5), this is not



substantial across Vanuatu as a whole, and is therefore unlikely to be reflected in the survey data in terms of a percentage change, notwithstanding the fact that the data is incomplete for some years.

In contrast, the increase in new domestic violence cases<sup>20</sup> reported to VWC does strongly support the finding that women are increasingly coming to VWC for help since 2009 (Figures 11.4 and 11.5). In addition to this administrative data, VWC's monthly qualitative data collection and annual analysis can also help to interpret and validate the changes seen between the 2009 and 2024 surveys, given that qualitative indicators focus on documenting and assessing both positive changes and disincentives to reporting to police and other agencies (VWC 2021a: 183).

It should be emphasised that there are numerous examples of excellent responses from the police acting quickly and assertively to keep women safe. These positive actions have often been taken by police officers who have attended multiple VWC trainings and workshops. Some of these case studies have already been documented in previous chapters (see Boxes 4.7, 8.2, and 9.4). There is little doubt that when police respond appropriately, following their own Standard Operating Procedures, changes in behaviour among men can happen and are sometimes sustained, particularly when police actions are supported by Chiefs and when VWC, police and Chiefs work cooperatively to support a woman who reports the violence.

On the other hand, during annual monitoring and evaluation/reflection workshops, VWC staff share their experiences annually of police failing to follow their own standard operating procedures, and the impact that this can have on clients (and this impact would of course be worse for those women who have only gone to the police and not also to VWC). For example, in the last annual reflection workshop in August 2025, staff raised several issues that affect client willingness to report; all of these have been observed over many years. Firstly, inefficiency in handling cases such as misplacing victim statements, not loading information into the police database, and a lack of follow-up are common issues raised by clients and counsellors. Inadequate handover of cases between officers can prolong cases unnecessarily. Delays in serving family protection orders (FPOs) sometimes result in the orders lapsing before they are even served, leaving women unsafe, without legal protection, and most importantly in relation to help-seeking behaviour, undermining their confidence in the police and the justice system (VWC 2025b: 27).

Women often pass messages to their friends and family about unsatisfactory police performance. The extent to which this ripples through communities and multiplies women's disincentives to report should not be under-estimated, given that women take serious risks when they do take that difficult step. VWC appointed a Police Liaison Officer (a retired detective from the Vanuatu Police Force) in 2018, to assist with holding police to account. Among her many duties, she accompanies VWC lawyers to Branches to follow up with the police and to support Branch staff with their client advocacy. Each visit addresses numerous cases, and follow-up can take many months (see Box 5.2 for an example related to non-partner violence).

On the other hand, it should be emphasised that police operations also face challenges not of their own making, notably the lack of a timely budget allocated to the police by the Vanuatu Government. Staff also noted that many women just want the FPOs issued by the court to protect them, but

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<sup>20</sup> "New" clients refers to the very first time a woman comes to VWC for help. Domestic violence in VWC's internal data includes any of the many types of intimate partner violence. "Repeat" clients are those who come back for further assistance and counselling. Note that some women come in the first instance for other "presenting issues" that may also be directly or indirectly related to physical and/or sexual violence (such as child or family maintenance cases); these are not categorised as domestic violence unless that is the main presenting issue identified by the client herself as what she wants help with.

don't want to report to the police because they are scared that their spouses will go to jail if the police do take assertive action. Many clients hope that once FPOs are served, the perpetrator will change their violent behaviour. Non-violence orders are very common, particularly with women still cohabiting, although some women are granted exclusive occupation orders, which result in the husband or partner being excluded from the home (VWC 2025b: 27)<sup>21</sup>.

There is less comparative quantitative data to validate or assist with interpreting the decrease in reporting to church leaders or health centres and hospitals, and further exploration of the statistical differences will be needed to assist with determining whether this is indicative of a trend. However, just as with Police and Chiefs, there can be no doubt that the response that clients receive from any agency or person in authority will either encourage others to reach out, or not, depending on the way these requests for help are handled. If responses are well-informed by an understanding of the issues and good practice principles, there is a greater chance that women will return, and that others will hear about it. VWC has many case study examples of pastors and church leaders who perpetrate violence, as well as some examples of church leaders who have been trained as male advocates and support women to access justice and safety. As noted earlier in this report, there are cases where male church leaders have made public apologies following their training by VWC; but there are many others who continue to reject VWC's efforts to raise awareness and understanding of the issues of violence against women and girls, and the most appropriate ways to respond.

In summary, there is one thing that is very clear from VWC's vast qualitative evidence base, including both counselling case studies and their experience in prevention work: if women are not assisted, if they are blamed or judged, and not treated respectfully when they seek help in crisis, this message will ripple through the community and have an impact on future help-seeking behaviour.

## 11.3 Violence against women by non-partners

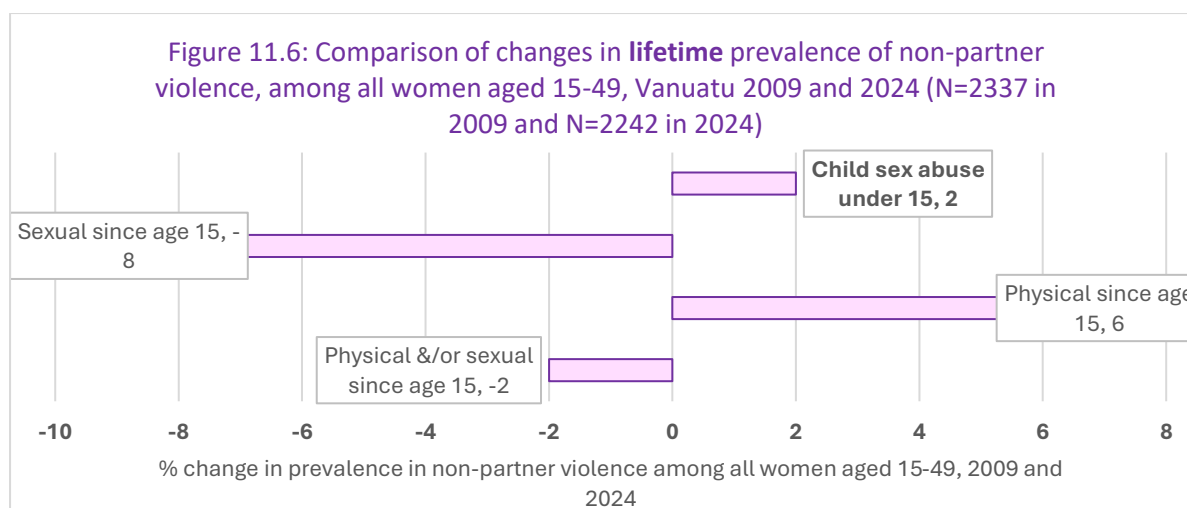
### Have there been any changes in the prevalence of non-partner violence?

Unfortunately, there is no 2009 data for current prevalence (last 12 months) of non-partner violence against women over the age of 15, since this was not the international standard in 2009. As noted above, the lifetime prevalence data is less sensitive to change, due to the overlap of age cohorts in 2009 and 2024, so caution is needed when interpreting changes. However, given the importance of non-partner sexual violence against women and girls as a risk factor, these data must be considered and taken seriously by all stakeholders (see chapter 10).

The lifetime prevalence of non-partner physical violence has increased by 6%, but non-partner sexual violence has decreased by 8%. This contributes to an overall decrease in non-partner physical or sexual violence since age 15 of 2%.

As noted above, more specific questions were asked on physical violence in 2024, and this may be contributing to the increase of 6%. In 2009, the question asked if respondents had ever been "beaten or physically mistreated in any way" by someone other than their husband/partner. In 2024, 4 more specific questions were asked (see Annex 1 question N02). The more specific questions used in 2024 are more likely to provide a reliable estimate of physical abuse, since they rely on answers to specific acts of physical violence, and not on the respondent's interpretation of "physical mistreatment".

<sup>21</sup> Non-violence orders, non-molestation orders and exclusive occupation orders are 3 main types of orders available for women to apply for under the Vanuatu Family Protection Act, among others.



Source: Table 11.6 and 11.7 in Annex 2. Physical, sexual and physical &/or sexual describe changes in prevalence rates among all women since age of 15; childhood sexual abuse describes violence experienced under the age of 15.

The decrease in non-partner sexual violence since age 15 may be due to several different factors that need to be considered in more detail. First, the 2024 questionnaire asked more specific questions compared with 2009. In 2009, respondents were asked whether someone had “ever forced them to have sex or to perform a sexual act when they did not want to”. In 2024, a lot more detail was used to describe forced sex, including circumstances where women were coerced or unable to say no. In addition, three additional questions including attempted rape and unwanted sexual touching were added (see Annex 1, questions N06 and N08(a) to (c)). Overall, these changes in measurement would be more likely to contribute to an increase in prevalence than a reduction.

It is worth noting again that matters relating to sexual activity, whether by partners or non-partners, are taboo to talk about in Vanuatu. This could result in under-reporting, as noted in previous chapters. However, there are no indications from VWC’s extensive prevention work that this taboo has become any stronger since 2009, so this is not a reasonable explanation for the reduction in non-partner sexual violence observed in 2024. On the contrary, some changes in context would indicate that these taboos are more likely to be weakening, particularly if one considers the normalisation of sexualised texts and images on social media applications (see section 5.2.1).

One noticeable change in the context is that non-partner sexual violence has been increasingly discussed in the media since 2009, particularly in relation to prosecutions and incarceration for these crimes. Advocates for women’s rights would argue that sentencing guidelines and the sentences given are very inadequate with several factors taken into account, including custom reconciliations, demonstrations of remorse, and early guilty pleas (usually resulting in the reduction of total sentences by one-third). While victim impact statements prepared by the Department of Corrections are considered, these are often not based on an understanding of the issue of violence against women and girls, including the strong evidence of the devastating long-term impacts of sexual abuse on women’s lives (see the risk factor analysis in chapter 10, and the media report quoted in section 5.5 on the rape of a 14-year old girl by a police officer, for example).

Another contextual factor to consider is that amendments were made to the Penal Code to increase sentences for sexual assault and incest in 2016, including for children under 13 years, due to long-term lobbying by VWC (VWC 2022: 55, 61). Moreover, there have been concerted Police crime prevention activities undertaken since 2009 which, in VWC’s view, have made a positive contribution to increasing community understanding of the gravity of sexual offences and the serious consequences of incarceration when they are committed.

There is considerable anecdotal evidence in Vanuatu that knowledge of the law and respect for the law are taken seriously in Vanuatu at the community level, particularly when Chiefs and other community leaders assist with holding perpetrators to account (this would be a useful topic for future qualitative research on effective strategies for reducing the prevalence of violence against women and girls). It is reasonable to conclude that all these factors would have contributed to the reduction in non-partner sexual violence over the last 15 years, although it needs to be emphasised that there is still much work to be done in this area, and there are no grounds for complacency on this issue.

### Have there been any changes in the prevalence of child sexual abuse under age 15?

Unfortunately, the prevalence of childhood sexual abuse under the age of 15 years has increased by 2% between 2009 and 2024. Given that this indicator measures something that occurred as a child, and the overlap in age cohorts between the 2 studies for women aged 15-49, no change was expected in this indicator. Furthermore, no change was made to the question between 2009 and 2024, nor to the method of tabulation which uses both the interview question and the opportunity to disclose childhood sexual abuse confidentially (see section 2.2.2).

While any increase at all in this indicator is very concerning, given its very damaging potential long-term consequences for victims/survivors (see the risk factor analysis in chapter 10), a closer look at the breakdowns by age provide an interesting perspective. Among women aged 15-19, the prevalence of this egregious abuse has decreased by 14% since 2009; prevalence has decreased by 4% for those aged 20-24, and by 1% by those aged 25-29. All the women in these age cohorts would have been too young to participate in the 2009 survey, whereas those over 30 would have been eligible to participate in 2009. In contrast, for all age categories 30 years and older, the prevalence is higher than in 2009.

It is impossible to draw firm conclusions from these comparisons. However, there are three factors that may be contributing to these differences which have already been discussed above. On the one hand, there may have been under-reporting in the 2009 survey due to the sexual taboos described above. On the other hand, the increased attention to child sexual assault by the police and the media, and the reforms to the Penal Code for sexual assault under 13 years may have had an impact on reducing perpetration, albeit a modest one. It is worth noting that VWC and some other stakeholders have also focused on raising awareness of this issue, including among children, during visits to schools and in community awareness materials (for example, VWC's stickers in *Bislama* targeted at children on "10 rules for child safety"). If this latter theory is even partly correct, and if more focused attention is given to raising awareness on this issue and punishing child sexual assault whenever it occurs, it is possible for Vanuatu to begin to turn this shocking and damaging rate of abuse around.

## 11.4 Attitudes and perceptions about gender equality and intimate partner violence

Comparing attitudes to gender equality and intimate partner violence presents a mixed picture. A few attitudes have changed in favour of gender equality and women's rights, and present an opportunity for VWC and other stakeholders to build on these gains and further challenge the root causes of gender inequality and violence against women and girls (Table 11.8a and 11.8b in Annex 2).

- The percentage of women who agreed that "family problems should only be discussed within the family" has reduced since 2009, although only by 3%.
- The percentage of women who agree that "if a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside the family should intervene" has increased by 1%.

While these changes are very small, they are both supported to some extent by a change in behaviour, with 8% more women having told someone about the violence. Even though the proportion of women who have actually sought help has not increased (see section 11.2), considering these data together suggests an emerging or potential shift in the readiness of some women to get help. However, **it is not reasonable to expect that these positive shifts will continue to increase unless service providers can make consistent improvements in their responses when women do seek help, particularly in the law and justice sector.**

Another positive shift in attitudes towards women's rights is that the percentage who agree that "it is all right for a woman to be swapped or exchanged for marriage" has decreased by 10%.

Despite these positive signs, the overall picture is very concerning, since most attitudes have not changed much, or have changed towards views that undermine women's rights and autonomy. The most worrying changes are as follows (Tables 11.8a to 11.10b in Annex 2):

- The percentage who agree that "a man should show he is the boss" has increased by 6%, those who agree that "if bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband" has increased by 2%, and those who agree that "a good wife obeys her husband even she disagrees" has increased by 1%.
- The percentage who agree that "a woman should not touch food when she has her period/menstruation" has increased by 15%.
- There has been a decrease of 9% in the percentage who think that "a woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her partner disapproves".

Most of these attitudes sanction men's power over women, which in turn is likely to promote tolerance of the excessive acts of coercive control that are strongly reflected in the 2024 data, and in VWC's qualitative case study database. It is unlikely that the prevalence of violence against women and girls will further reduce, and that women's help-seeking behaviour will increase, unless **these fundamental attitudes are challenged from a woman's rights perspective**. They point to the complex and interlinked deep-seated attitudes and views which reinforce gender inequality.

It is not surprising therefore, that these negative changes in attitudes to women's rights are reflected in a similar change in the percentage of women who agree with one or more "good reasons" for a man to hit his wife or partner: this has increased by 4%, and the percentage who agree with one or more reasons for a wife refusing sex with her husband has decreased by 5%. Conversely, the proportion of women who don't think there is any "good reason" for hitting a wife or partner has only decreased by 1% (Tables 11.9a and 11.9b in Annex 2).

These are very worrying signs. **When we dig deeper into the various rationales that are given for physical violence, very little change is observed in any of the reasons, in any direction** (Table 11.9a and 11.9b). For example:

- There is no change at all in the percentage of women who believe it is justified for a man to hit his wife or girlfriend if she disobeys him, if she asks about his girlfriends, or if she does not complete the housework to his satisfaction.
- There are marginal increases in the number who believe that violence is justified if a wife refuses to have sex (1% change), and if she is unable to get pregnant (1%).
- There are more substantial increases agreeing that it is all right for a man to hit his wife or partner due to unfaithfulness by the wife, whether proven or only suspected. There is a 5% increase in those who believe his suspicion of unfaithfulness is a good reason, and a 6% increase in those who believe he is justified if he actually finds out that she is unfaithful.

Fortunately, on the positive side, there are several reasons where the percentage of women who think physical violence is justified has decreased, albeit marginally (Table 11.9a and 11.9b): if bride price has not been paid (1% decrease), or if bride price has been paid (3% decrease), she is living on his house or land (4% decrease), or if “he thinks she needs to be disciplined, taught a lesson, or educated” (2% decrease).

In conclusion, views on physical violence being justified (under some circumstances) are deeply entrenched among women and their families and communities. In addition, only a minority of women (24% of those aged 15–49, unweighted, see Table 11.10b) believe that a married woman has the right to refuse sex, regardless of her reason.

Redoubled efforts from all stakeholders, and by key community leaders such as Chiefs and church leaders, will be needed if Vanuatu is to further reduce the prevalence of intimate partner violence. Moreover, changes in attitudes and beliefs must go hand-in-hand with legal measures if the reductions seen between 2009 and 2024 are to be sustained into the future.

## 11.5 Comparison of risk and protective factors from 2009 and 2024

Risk factor analyses were undertaken in both the 2009 and 2024 surveys using logistic regression methods to explore the variables associated with the experience of physical or sexual violence among ever-partnered women. However, there were some methodological differences between the 2 approaches. The 2024 analysis uses a standardised approach now currently used internationally, with variables modified to the Vanuatu context (see chapter 10 and VWC and VNSO 2011: 168–170):

- The 2009 analysis examined the association between variables for ever-partnered women aged 15–49 who had ever experienced physical or sexual violence by their husband/partner in their lifetime, compared with those who had never experienced physical or sexual partner violence.
- This 2024 analysis examined the association between most of the same variables selected in 2009, but for ever-partnered women aged 15–64 who had experienced physical or sexual violence by a husband or partner in the last 12 months prior to the survey, compared with those who had never experienced physical or sexual partner violence.
- While there was considerable overlap in the variables included in the 2009 analysis, there are some key differences. Several factors in women’s background were not included in the analysis 2009, but are now part of the standardised approach internationally, and some of these emerged as significant in the 2024 analysis (Box 11.4).

Despite these differences in methodology, the comparison demonstrates some important consistencies and counterpoints in risk factors between the 2 surveys (Box 11.4).

**Among the six common risk factors identified in both 2009 and 2024, inter-generational impacts (mother being hit) and childhood sexual abuse emerge as issues that absolutely must be addressed in order to further reduce the prevalence of violence against women and build on the progress already made.** Damaging expressions of masculinity (men fighting with other men, and having multiple relationships) also need to be addressed, since they are underpinned by a tolerance for violence, and perceptions regarding acceptable behaviour for men and women (Box 11.4).



**Box 11.4: Summary of changes in risk and protective factors for women experiencing physical or sexual abuse by a husband/partner: comparison between 2009 (lifetime prevalence) and 2024 (last 12 months prevalence)**

| Risk factors in the final multi-variate analysis in BOTH 2009 and 2024 studies                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Variables                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Women's other experiences of violence                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Childhood sexual abuse                                                                                       | Women who were sexually abused under the age of 15 are significantly more likely to be subjected to partner violence                                                                                                                         |                                                              |
| Mother was hit                                                                                               | Women whose mother was hit or beaten by a male partner are significantly more likely to be subjected to partner violence                                                                                                                     |                                                              |
| Husband's/partner's behavioural characteristics                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Men's use of alcohol                                                                                         | Women with husbands/partners who drink daily or weekly are more likely to have experienced partner violence, compared with those who drink rarely or not at all                                                                              |                                                              |
| Men who fight other men                                                                                      | Women with husbands/partners who fight with other men are more likely to be subjected to partner violence, compared with those who do not                                                                                                    |                                                              |
| Relationships with other women                                                                               | Women whose husbands/partners have relationships with other women during their relationship with the respondent are more likely to be subjected to partner violence, compared with those whose husbands do not have affairs with other women |                                                              |
| Women's behavioural characteristics                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Women's use of alcohol                                                                                       | Women who drink alcohol frequently are more likely to have experienced partner violence, compared with those who never drink                                                                                                                 |                                                              |
| Risk factors identified ONLY in 2024<br>for last 12 months prevalence of physical or sexual partner violence |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Variables                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Comments                                                     |
| Women's other experiences of violence                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Non-partner sexual violence since age 15                                                                     | Women who have been sexually abused by non-partners are at significantly higher risk of experiencing partner violence                                                                                                                        | Included in 2009 but only significant in univariate analysis |
| Nature of first sex                                                                                          | Women's whose first sexual encounter was forced are more likely to experience partner violence                                                                                                                                               | Variable not included in 2009 analysis                       |
| Men's other experiences of violence                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Husband/partner regularly hit or beaten as a child                                                           | Women with husbands/partners who were physically abused as children are more likely to be subjected to partner violence                                                                                                                      | Included in 2009 but only significant in univariate analysis |
| Women's socio-demographic characteristics                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Women's age                                                                                                  | Younger women are at significantly higher risk than older women                                                                                                                                                                              | Included in 2009 but only significant in univariate analysis |
| Husband's/partner's socio-demographic characteristics                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Husband/partner age                                                                                          | Women with husbands/partners aged between 16-25 are at significantly higher risk than those with older partners                                                                                                                              | Included in 2009 but only significant in univariate analysis |
| Marriage and relationship factors                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                              |
| Number of children                                                                                           | Women with 3 or more children are at higher risk of living with partner violence                                                                                                                                                             | Included in 2009 but not significant in univariate analysis  |
| Family chose her husband for her                                                                             | Women whose family chose her husband for her are at higher risk of living with partner violence, compared with women who made their own choice                                                                                               | Included in 2009 but only significant in univariate analysis |

| Risk factors identified <b>ONLY</b> in 2009<br>for lifetime prevalence of physical or sexual partner violence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Variables                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                | Comments                                                                  |
| <b>Women's other experiences of violence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                           |
| Non-partner physical abuse since 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Women who were physically abused by someone other than their partner/husband since turning 15 were more likely to have experienced partner violence, compared with those not physically abused | Included in the 2024 analysis but only significant in univariate analysis |
| <b>Husband's/partner's socio-demographic characteristics</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                           |
| Husband/partner unemployed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Women whose husbands/partners were unemployed were more likely to have experienced partner violence                                                                                            | Included in the 2024 analysis but only significant in univariate analysis |
| <b>Women's socio-demographic characteristics</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                           |
| Women earning their own income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Women earning their own income were more likely to have experienced partner violence                                                                                                           | Included in 2024 but not significant in univariate analysis               |
| <b>Women's attitudes to physical partner violence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                           |
| Women agree with at least 1 justification for man hitting wife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Women who agreed with one or more "good reasons" for a man to hit his wife/partner were more likely to have experienced partner violence                                                       | Included in 2024 but not significant in univariate analysis               |
| Sources: chapter 10 (2024 analysis), and VWC and VNSO 2011: 168-176 (2009 analysis).<br>Notes: For the 2009 analysis, N=1233 ever-partnered women aged 15-49 who ever experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence in their lifetime, compared with N=817 who had not; for the 2024 analysis, N=769 ever-partnered women aged 15-64 who experienced physical or sexual partner violence in the last 12 months, and N=1123 who never experienced partner violence in their lifetime. |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                           |

It is important to remember that variables with significant associations are not necessarily causes of men's violence against women. Many analysts point out that there is an important difference between triggers and causes, and associations with statistical significance are just that: associations, which require contextual and other data to interpret the nature and directions of the links between two variables. This distinction is important, because prevention interventions need to consistently target root causes if sustainable reductions in prevalence are to occur, in addition to responding to the effects of men's violence against women.

For example, as already discussed in chapter 6, men's use of alcohol is commonly mentioned by women as a trigger for men's violence (see section 6.4), so it is not at all surprising to see this association confirmed as a risk factor (Box 11.4). For women who use alcohol frequently, this behaviour is commonly (and most usefully) seen as an effect of violence (WHO 2025a: 2).

Six of the 7 risk factors that were only identified as significant in 2024 for current partner violence were included in the 2009 model, but were only significant in the initial univariate analysis rather than in the final modelling. Similarly, 2 of the 4 risk factors only identified as significant in 2009 were significant only at the univariate analysis stage in 2024, and the remaining 2 not at all significant in the 2024 analysis. Once again, it is difficult to draw any firm conclusions about these changes in risks since 2009, given the different methodologies used. However, there are **some broad recurring themes** evident across the two surveys, although their importance as statistically significant risk factors varies, and some of these changes make sense in the Vanuatu context.

The overall acceptance of and tolerance for men's violence against women, including the impact of inter-generational learning and exposure to violence as children, either as a witness to one's mother being abused or being subjected to violence oneself is an over-arching theme. It is useful here to

refer back to the discussion above on negative changes in women's attitudes to physical violence: given the backwards trajectory in attitudes since 2009, it is not surprising that this variable was not significant in the 2024 analysis. The harmful impact of non-partner sexual abuse of women at any age, and its potential long-term consequences is another theme running across the decades.

Most of these risk factors are underpinned by gender norms that sanction women having less power and status than men. This plays out in different ways in each risk factor – such as when women challenge their partner/husband for having another relationship (see section 6.2), or when a man who drinks frequently may beat or hit his wife, but not someone with more power or status than he. The power imbalance underpins the experience of women who are unable to choose their own husband, or who challenge gender roles by earning their own incomes. And underlying all these risks is the acceptance by many women that it can ever be justified for a man to hit his wife or partner, because somehow she is to blame for transgressing social norms and/or not living up to the expectations of her husband or partner. **The current widespread acceptance of and tolerance for violence must be targeted by policy-makers and in all prevention work if prevalence is to be further reduced.**

The age of both victims/survivors and perpetrators was significant in the univariate analysis in 2009, but has emerged as a key risk factor in 2024, pointing to the need for targeted interventions for both these age cohorts and younger children, to prevent violence before it starts.

Another striking and challenging similarity between the 2 surveys is the lack of consistent protective factors that may reduce women's likelihood of facing partner violence, such as those mentioned below. This is a challenge for all stakeholders, because it tells us that the risk factors are much stronger than some protective factors seen in other settings (WHO 2019: 7), and this by itself underscores the long-term nature of the task ahead.

In most contexts where a risk factor analysis is undertaken, several variables are included in the analysis relating to women's social capital and background characteristics which may protect her from violence. A very similar set of variables were considered in both the 2009 and 2024 analyses – such as women's contact with and proximity to their birth family, co-residence with either her or his family, their education levels, socio-economic status, and payment of bride price.

To put it bluntly:

- it makes no difference whether a woman lives with her own or her partner's relatives;
- it makes no difference if she has regular contact with her birth family, or lives close by; and
- it makes no difference if her marriage involves bride price, and if all the bride price has been paid (although it was significant in the univariate analysis in 2024).

None of these things protect women from partner violence. Wealth and higher socio-economic status will not protect her, nor will her level of education. In the 2009 survey, higher socio-economic status afforded some protection to women, but this is not seen in the 2024 survey. **All this begs the question: what will protect women, and how will they be protected?**

Location was identified as a protective factor in 2009, with women living in Port Vila and Shefa province being significantly less likely to experience intimate partner violence. In 2024, this still appears to be the case for Port Vila. In 2009, this was interpreted as an impact of the intensive prevention and response work undertaken by VWC over decades in this province.

Among all the elements of social capital examined, women's membership of social groups did emerge as significant in the univariate and intermediate analyses in 2024, although it became

insignificant in the final multi-variate analysis (chapter 10). It is noted again here because, if we consider these two factors side by side (location and group membership), and consider all the other quantitative and qualitative evidence available in this report (and particularly in chapter 9), these two factors point to a potential strategy that stakeholders can build on to strengthen women's capacity to protect themselves, through women's social networks. Although no firm conclusions can be drawn on this issue of social capital, the analysis does tell us that the investment in prevention and appropriate response needs to be strengthened, not only in Port Vila but also in the provinces – and it suggest that women's groups are an important entry point for disseminating key messages on women's rights to live free from violence.

## 11.6 Comparison of Vanuatu and global prevalence estimates

### 11.6.1 Comparing the rate of change in intimate partner violence

#### How does the pace of change in Vanuatu on intimate partner violence compare with other countries?

A recent review of the latest prevalence data on violence against women and girls undertaken by the World Health Organisation confirms that although the pace of change internationally is slow, some reductions in prevalence have occurred globally, regionally and nationally. The WHO estimates are based on a complex statistical modelling of studies conducted between 2000 and 2023 which meet 4 quality criteria, drawing on data from over 160 countries to assess global lifetime and current prevalence of intimate partner violence, and from 125 countries for non-partner sexual violence (WHO 2025a: 18, 26-45, Figure 11.7). Using this statistical modelling, the WHO has calculated both global and regional estimates of the current prevalence of violence against women and girls, updating global estimates with earlier datasets published by the WHO in 2012 and 2013 (WHO 2025a: 26, WHO 2021 and WHO 2013). It has also calculated how much change has occurred in prevalence estimates of physical and/or sexual partner violence between 2000 and 2023 (WHO 2025a: 37-38).

The global prevalence of physical and/or sexual partner violence has reduced by 0.2% annually, for both lifetime and current prevalence (WHO 2025a: 37-38). For Vanuatu, the lifetime annual reduction in prevalence is also 0.2%. **However, the pace of change for current prevalence is somewhat faster in Vanuatu at 0.6% annually** (Figure 11.7). Although the pace of change is undoubtedly still too slow at less than 1% reduction per year, **this is a nevertheless a welcome finding, indicating that the prevention and response strategies of the Vanuatu Women's Centre in collaboration with other stakeholders are having an impact.**

Figure 11.7: Annual rate of change in physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence among ever-partnered women aged 15-49, Vanuatu (unweighted) and global comparisons

| Physical and/or sexual partner violence | Change in Vanuatu prevalence rate 2009-2024 (15 years) | Vanuatu <u>annual</u> rate of change in prevalence over 15 years | Global <u>annual</u> rate of change in prevalence (2000-2023) |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lifetime                                | -3                                                     | -0.2%                                                            | -0.2%                                                         |
| Current (last 12 months)                | -9                                                     | -0.6%                                                            | -0.2%                                                         |

Sources: Figure 11.3 (Vanuatu) and WHO 2025a: 38 (global estimate).

As noted above in the introduction to this chapter, comparisons within countries present methodological challenges and come with several limitations that need to be considered. These challenges are amplified when comparing prevalence rates between countries. Different countries use different methodologies for measuring violence against women and girls, including in their

definitions of physical and sexual violence, and different age ranges. Moreover they have varied social and cultural contexts, not to mention a range of different institutional responses to the problem of violence against women and girls. While the WHO modelling (presented in Figures 11.7, 11.9 and 11.10) is designed to harmonise comparability, it should be noted that Vanuatu's 2024 data has not been subjected to the same modelling; this is a limitation that needs to be acknowledged in the comparisons with Vanuatu 2024 data made in this section.

Nevertheless, the 0.2% reduction annually was found to be statistically significant by the WHO comparative study, with an uncertainty interval ranging from 0.1% to 0.3% for the annual change in current prevalence of physical and/or sexual partner violence (WHO 2025a: 38). This provides some confidence – despite the limitations noted above – that **Vanuatu is keeping pace with the global trend of change, and appears to be exceeding it.**

Another recent study compared changes in prevalence in seven South and Southeast Asian countries where data was available across either two or three different points in time, and where comparable methods of data collection had been used (Vyas et al 2023a). **Comparing the changes in Vanuatu since 2009 with the findings of this study provides further confidence in the conclusion that the pace of change in Vanuatu compares positively with other countries** (Figure 11.8).<sup>22</sup> However, it should be noted that Vanuatu (and Melanesia in general) has some of the highest prevalence rates in the world, and thus are starting from a very high baseline compared to most other countries, and that there are currently no studies across more than one data point for comparison within Melanesia or the Pacific region specifically.

Figure 11.8: Percentage change in physical and/or sexual partner violence among ever-partnered women aged 15-49, comparison of Vanuatu (unweighted) and six other countries included in a regional analysis of change over time

| Countries with more than one data point using comparable methods | Time-frame for comparison | Current prevalence (last 12 months) | Annual rate of change in prevalence |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Vanuatu (2009 & 2024)                                            | 15 years                  | -9%                                 | -0.6%                               |
| India (2006, 2016 & 2021)                                        | 15 years                  | +1%                                 | +0.7%                               |
| Nepal (2011 & 2017)                                              | 6 years                   | -3%                                 | -0.5%                               |
| Cambodia (2000, 2006 & 2014)                                     | 14 years                  | -4%                                 | -0.3%                               |
| Philippines (2008, 2013 & 2017)                                  | 9 years                   | -5%                                 | -0.6%                               |
| Timor-Leste (2010 & 2016)                                        | 6 years                   | +4%                                 | +0.7%                               |
| Viet Nam (2010 & 2019)                                           | 9 years                   | -0.1%                               | -0.01%                              |

Sources: Figure 11.3 (Vanuatu) and Vyas et al 2023a: 6. Note: these countries were selected for comparison because an analysis of change over time published by Vyas et al in 2023 provided ready information. Several of the countries included have since published additional data points that would allow for updated annual rates of change to be calculated and tested for statistical significance.

**It is worth noting here that Vanuatu has consistently implemented – over more than 30 years – most of the evidence-based strategies that the WHO and other reviews conclude are essential for reducing prevalence, although the data highlights the need to do far more in all these areas.** These include (WHO 2025a: 48-53, and WHO 2019):

- a survivor-centred and comprehensive approach to responding to women and girls subjected to violence;
- community mobilisation and group education with women and men to change harmful social norms;

<sup>22</sup> Although 7 countries were included in the study (Vyas et al 2023a), current prevalence data was not available for Pakistan for this indicator over two data points, so data from 6 countries is included in Figure 11.8.

- national legal advocacy to improve accountability coupled with client-based advocacy; and
- persistent long-term efforts to work in collaboration with other national and provincial Vanuatu agencies and community leaders to strengthen prevention and response efforts across the country at all institutional levels.

### 11.6.2 Comparing the prevalence of violence against women aged 15-49 with other countries

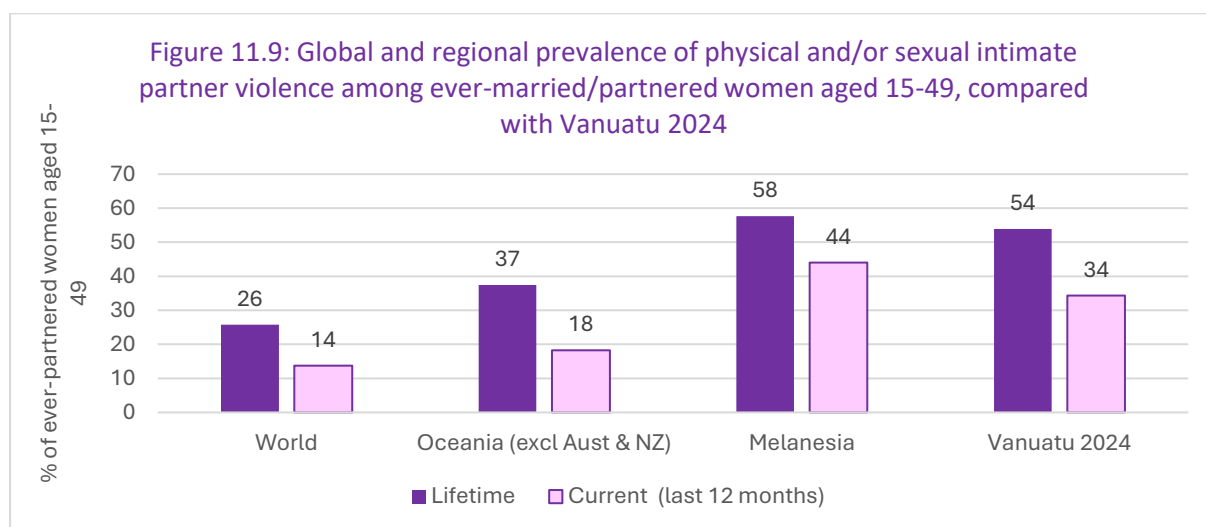
This section compares the latest data on global, regional and sub-regional estimates with the 2024 Vanuatu data. The prevalence rates used in this comparison are based on weighted data for women aged 15-49 only, so the prevalence rates below are slightly different from those presented in chapters 4 and 5, which present data for women aged 15-64. This measure has been used to align the data as much as possible with the WHO estimates (WHO 2025a); however, the same limitations regarding comparability of data apply here as noted above (section 11.6.1).

#### How do Vanuatu's 2024 prevalence rates for physical and/or sexual partner violence compare with global and regional estimates?

Although Vanuatu is making good progress in terms of the pace of change (section 11.6.1), the global and regional comparisons remain just as confronting as they were in 2009.

On the positive side, Vanuatu has lower lifetime and current prevalence than the average for Melanesia, but prevalence remains high when compared with Oceania as a whole, which also includes Polynesia and Micronesia (Figure 11.9).

- Globally around 1 in 4 women (26%) are subjected to at least one act of physical and/or sexual partner violence in their lifetime, compared with more than 1 in 3 in Oceania (37%), almost 6 in 10 (58%) in Melanesia and about half in Vanuatu (54%).
- Globally, 14% (more than 1 in 10) women experienced physical or sexual partner violence in the last 12 months. This compares to 18% (almost 2 in 10) in Oceania, and 44% in Melanesia (more than 4 in 10), which is about 3 times the global rate. Vanuatu compares favourably on this indicator at 34%, which is 10% less than the average for Melanesia, but more than 3 in 10 women living with physical or sexual partner violence today.

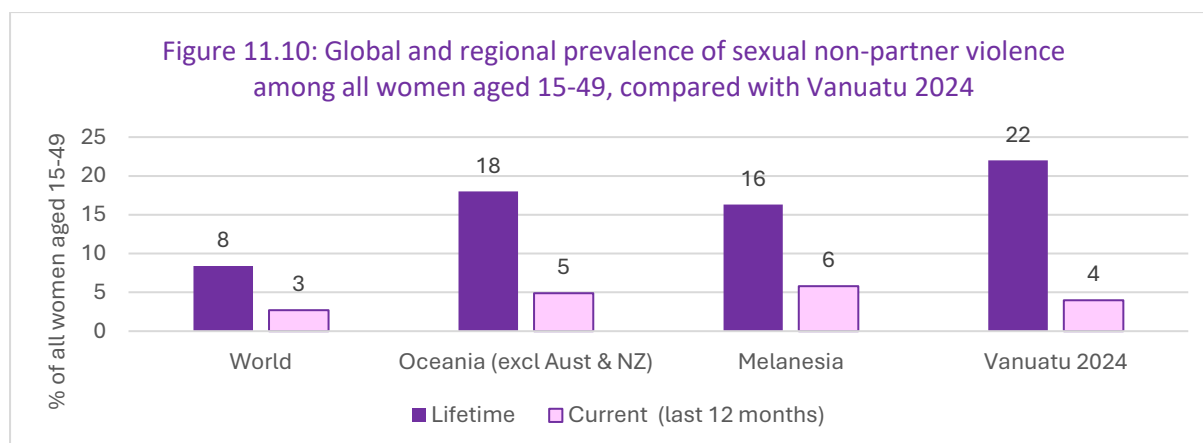


Sources: WHO 2025a: 26-32; and Table 5.10 in Annex 2. Notes: Current prevalence refers to the last 12 months before the latest survey in each location. Vanuatu prevalence data for 2024 refers to weighted data for the 15-49 age group, to align as much as possible with the global data estimates, which used modelled data.



### How do Vanuatu's 2024 prevalence rates for non-partner sexual violence compare with global and regional estimates?

While Vanuatu has made some progress in reducing partner violence, the picture is more complex for non-partner sexual violence (one of the two SDG indicators under Target 5.2 on ending all forms of violence against women). Overall, Vanuatu's lifetime prevalence (22% or about 2 in 10) is higher than both Oceania (18%) and Melanesia (16%). These prevalence rates are confronting when compared to the global average of 8% (less than 1 in 10). The current prevalence of sexual non-partner violence is more positive, with 4% of women experiencing this form of violence in the past 12 months, compared with 3% globally, 5% for Oceania, and 6% for Melanesia as a whole (Figure 11.10).



Sources: WHO 2025a: 40-42; and Table 5.10 in Annex 2. Notes: Current prevalence refers to the last 12 months before the latest survey in each location. Vanuatu prevalence data for 2024 refers to weighted data for the 15-49 age group, in order to align with global data estimates, using the international standard definition. Sexual violence is defined here as including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse and unwanted sexual touching, and excludes sexual harassment.

#### Thoughts from Merilyn Tahi (VWC founder), on the progress made

*"As for eliminating the issue of violence against women and children, we are still very far from that goal, **but we have got somewhere**. Maybe some of our survivors will say they are happy now that they have been to us. ... But we are making progress, with things like legal protection, the Family Protection Act, amendments to the Penal Code, and things like more protection for children under 13 years who are victims of sexual assault, with changes to the Penal Code on sentencing for perpetrators of these crimes.*

*I think from the beginning, in our 30 or so years, there have been a lot of strategies that have contributed to some positive changes in communities and in personal behaviours, and brought happiness to some women and children. Very soon after we set up, we were learning from our counselling and we went into community education, and then learning from community education, we went into the need for changes in law and our awareness on the Family Protection Act. And since 2009 we have been talking about the Family Protection Act in all our community awareness, including workshops and trainings – **we haven't stopped, we have kept it alive.**" (VWC 2022: 55).*



## Chapter 12: Conclusions and recommendations

### 12.1 Conclusions on key findings

#### Overview

Vanuatu has made some progress towards the goal of eliminating violence against women and girls. Since 2009, the current prevalence (in the previous 12 months before the survey) of physical and sexual violence by a husband or partner has reduced by 9%. **This is a good rate of change compared with the global average.** In addition, a few positive changes are seen in women's attitudes towards women's rights, and more women are now telling someone about the violence.

**The importance of these positive changes should not be under-estimated:** they are the foundations that local and national stakeholders can build on to ensure that the gains made to date are sustained and strengthened. There is no doubt that **the prevention and response work of the Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC) over the last 15 years is responsible for the reduction seen to date, including through its collaboration with key community leaders such as Chiefs, the law and justice sector** and other stakeholders. It is worth noting here that many individual women and Chiefs, particularly from remote areas, requested VWC to come back after the survey fieldwork to their areas and raise awareness of the issues; this is a positive unintended outcome from the research, which shows a willingness and openness to learn and change the situation.

However, despite 15 years of effort, the data indicates that current investment levels are insufficient to shift deep-seated norms. There are many confronting findings that point to the enormity of the task ahead, including the fact that overall, **women are less likely to seek help than they were back in 2009**, despite an increased willingness to share what is happening in their lives. **Although more women are seeking help from VWC (increased by 6%) and marginally more from chiefs (increased by 2%) in 2024 than in 2009**, there is no change in the percentage seeking help from the police, and those seeking help from all other agencies and authorities has decreased to a greater or lesser extent. **Women are "voting with their feet"**, and this tells us that the responses of service-providers need to vastly improve: every time that a service-provider or community leader does not respond respectfully, expeditiously and appropriately to protect women's safety and her legal and human rights, this sends a message to other women in the community – neighbours, friends and relatives – that there is no help for them, that they need to continue to put up with the violence, or that their situations could get even worse if they reach out.

If there is one major conclusion that can be drawn from the totality of the findings, it is this: the **pervasive patterns of gender inequality and the subjugation of women that underpin all forms of violence against women and girls remain firmly in place across all provinces of the country and among all social groups.** This is reflected in little or no change in most of the attitudes that women themselves hold about gender norms and women's rights, and in their views about "good reasons" for men to hit their wife or partner under certain circumstances (the percentage of women who agree with one or more justifications has sadly increased, albeit marginally).

**The good progress made to date is unlikely to accelerate or be sustained unless all stakeholders and actors base their response and prevention work on the evidence** – including understanding the fundamental causes of the problem, its scale, scope, and devastating consequences for individuals, families and communities. The unequal gender power relations, gender norms and expectations that underpin violence against women and girls in all its forms must be understood and challenged if progress towards the elimination of violence against women and girls is to be hastened.



### Prevalence of violence against women by their husbands or partners

These pervasive gender norms and unequal gender relations are most evident in the data on controlling behaviours by men over women (also called coercive control), which describe the bedrock of unequal gender relations in Vanuatu today. Current prevalence data tells us what is happening right now in Vanuatu – and today, almost 6 in 10 women are living with some form of control by their husband or partner that undermines their basic human rights, and more than 7 in 10 experience these acts of control in their lifetime. More than 4 in 10 are currently living with emotional violence, and more than 6 in 10 experience some form of emotional abuse in their lifetime. Both these forms of violence make it difficult for women to take any action to stop the violence, with women internalising the damaging messages of self-blame and justifications for violence they receive from their husbands/partners and communities, which in turn are reinforced by the pervasive community attitudes (referred to above) that sanction physical partner violence.

About 3 in 10 women are living with physical or sexual partner violence currently, compared with more than half in their lifetime. This gap between lifetime and current prevalence is good news, showing again that further gains can be made with redoubled effort. Almost 3 in 10 are living with financial violence now, and a similar prevalence is seen over the lifetime – telling us that this particular form of abuse, once it begins, does not stop for the majority of women.

A new way of analysing the data (pioneered by VWC in 2024) provides perhaps the most disturbing finding: more than 7 in 10 women were subjected to one or more forms of violence or abuse by their husband or partner in the last 12 months – whether physical, sexual, emotional, controlling behaviours or financial violence, or any combination of these 5 forms. This compares with more than 8 in 10 who experienced one or more forms of violence in their lifetime. Moreover, **just under half of all ever-partnered women in Vanuatu today are living with between 2 and 5 types of partner violence** – physical, sexual, emotional, financial and/or controlling behaviours by their husband or partner. With many experiencing the most severe forms, and frequently, this provides a sad and shocking window into the quality of women's day-to-day lives.

By any measure, Vanuatu unfortunately remains a country with among the highest rates of violence against women by husbands or partners in the world, despite the important gains made over the last 15 years. It occurs in all provinces and islands, and **prevalence is generally higher in rural areas than in Port Vila. Women from all socio-economic groups, all levels of education, and all religions experience intimate partner violence at similar levels.** Although there are some variations in prevalence among these groups depending on the type of violence, the findings show that none of these features in women's backgrounds protect them from partner violence.

Violence by husbands and partners occurs among all age groups, but young women are living with the highest rates of each type of partner violence: indeed, young age is shown in this report to be a significant risk factor for experiencing (and perpetrating) intimate partner violence. Partner violence begins very early in the life cycle, when young women begin to form their relationships. **In order to make further gains in reducing partner violence – both current prevalence and over the lifetime – more effort is clearly needed to target young women and men with effective and evidence-based response and prevention strategies.**

Many women continue to suffer from each type of abuse as they age, with **emotional and financial violence and controlling behaviours the most persistent over the life cycle.** In other words, for those women who are unfortunate enough to experience these abuses, they are more likely to last for the duration of their lives, including into their fifties and sixties.

**Women living with the most severe disabilities** – who live with a lot of difficulty in daily functioning, or who have one or more life functions that they cannot perform at all – **are subjected to higher rates of most forms of intimate partner violence** than women who have no difficulty with daily functioning, or some difficulties. This finding is particularly important because prevalence rates for women living with severe disabilities should be seen as minimum estimates, given the difficulty of reaching these women in population-based surveys globally. This highlights the urgent need for organisations who represent and serve women living with disabilities to identify ways to strengthen prevention and response strategies. Moreover, the survey data also shows that **intimate partner violence causes disabilities**, with almost 2 in 10 women who have ever been injured by their husbands or partners now living with a permanent disability as a direct result of those injuries.

Among the 52% of all ever-partnered women in Vanuatu who have ever experienced physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetime, about 2 in 3 have also **faced the additional burden of violence by husbands and partners during a disaster**, while needing to face the disaster itself, and trying to recover in the immediate aftermath. Given the increasing frequency of natural disasters due to climate change, this data is alarming, notwithstanding the fact that the survey data also shows that for some, the violence can decrease in severity, and does not necessarily occur in every disaster faced with her husband or partner. It points to both the need for more research on the nature of the association between partner violence and disasters, and concerted efforts to assist women facing these dual traumas in a way that best meets their self-defined needs during and immediately after the disaster. Emerging international evidence suggests that there is a dose relationship between experiencing intimate partner violence and multiple disasters, pointing to a **higher risk of violence for women exposed to multiple disasters** – and higher levels of resulting psychological trauma and physical health impacts.

Data was collected in the 2024 survey for the first time on **technology-facilitated abuse by husbands and partners** (almost 2 in 10 over the lifetime and more than 1 in 10 in the last 12 months), and once again, these should be seen as minimum estimates. VWC included this topic due to the increasing number of counselling cases seen in the context of overseas seasonal work. While the data shows that women are at risk from technology facilitated sexual abuse and coercive control when their husbands are overseas, it also clearly shows that the majority of this abuse is occurring at home, in Vanuatu. **Prevalence is expected to grow unless young women and girls are equipped with knowledge to recognise this abuse and strategies to deal with it.** The prevention of technology-facilitated partner violence against women requires urgent attention – because the data shows that this has become yet another way for men to exert power and control over women, because the technology itself is rapidly changing, and because qualitative data indicates it is already becoming normalised in Vanuatu. The survey showed that VWC sees just the tip of the iceberg of severely damaging cases.

### **Prevalence of non-partner violence against women and girls, and its link to partner violence**

The combined lifetime prevalence of non-partner physical and/or sexual violence against women over the age of 15 has reduced marginally (by 2%) since 2009. Digging deeper into the details and the long-term impacts of non-partner violence provide even more evidence that violence against women and girls is normalised in Vanuatu, and much work is needed to turn this around.

More than 3 in 10 women have been physically abused since age 15 by someone other than their husband or partner, and more than 1 in 10 in the last 12 months, with the majority of perpetrators being male family members. Looking back to 2009, lifetime prevalence has increased by 6%. Not surprisingly, adolescent girls are at the highest risk, but once again, the data shows that for some women, this continues into their fifties and sixties. In addition, about 7 in 10 women were either physically or emotionally abused as children under the age of 15 by family members.

**Comparing the 2009 and 2024 data shows a reduction of 8% in the prevalence of lifetime non-partner sexual violence since age 15**, and Vanuatu's current prevalence rate is 3%. This is undoubtedly welcome news. However, the prevalence of this form of violence over the lifetime remains one of the highest in the world. About 2 in 10 women have been sexually abused in their lifetime, more than 1 in 10 have been raped, and about 3 in 10 have either been forced or coerced to have sex during their first sexual experience. If we include new data from 2024 on sexual harassment, more than 1 in 4 women have been subjected to some form of sexual harassment or abuse in their lifetime.

**Sadly, there has been no positive change in the percentage of women who were sexually abused as children:** 3 in 10 were subjected to either rape, attempted rape or unwanted sexual touching. This is extraordinarily high and few countries globally exceed this rate. The majority of perpetrators of both childhood sexual abuse and non-partner abuse since age 15 are not strangers, as is commonly assumed: for all types of abuse, regardless of age, the majority of perpetrators are men she knows, and who she should be able to trust, including male family members, friends and neighbours. Yet again, this is more evidence that violence against women and girls is deeply rooted in some families and communities in Vanuatu. In addition, technology facilitated sexual abuse by non-partners affects almost 1 in 10 women in their lifetime, and mostly young women and adolescents.

### **Risk factors**

Vanuatu sees itself as a country that values family, children, community and custom, and that adheres to Christian values. While all the survey data seriously challenges these self-perceptions, the data on adult and child sexual abuse is perhaps the most confronting – not only because so many of the country's women and girls are subjected to these various forms of abuse, but also because the data clearly indicates that **non-partner sexual abuse at any age is a significant risk factor associated with a greater likelihood of experiencing intimate partner violence.**

In other words, **until Vanuatu is able to substantially reduce the prevalence of childhood and adult non-partner sexual abuse, it is unrealistic to expect intimate partner violence to be substantially reduced.** Many findings reinforce that the fact that Vanuatu faces an inter-generational problem – such as the risk factor in both women's and men's backgrounds of family experiences of violence during childhood (either her mother being hit by her mother's partner, or the man himself being regularly physically abused as a child). Only concerted action by community leaders will ensure that this problem – which is reproduced through the generations – does not also take generations to address.

### **Other consequences and impacts of violence against women by husbands and partners**

The impacts of violence against women are many and varied, and have long-term effects – on individual women, their families, their communities, and on the nation as a whole. It is noteworthy that all the findings from the 2024 survey on impacts were also found in the 2009 survey.

Let us begin with children, the vulnerable onlookers who are learning from this damaging behaviour: children who are living with family violence are significantly more likely to have a range of behavioural problems, including aggressive behaviour and a failure to progress at school. More than half of the women living with violence said that their children witnessed the violence, and more than 1 in 10 have been beaten at the same time as the man is beating his wife or partner. The inter-generational impacts of this learned behaviour play out in various ways, as noted above, with an increased likelihood that boy children will perpetrate violence as adults, and that girl children will become victims/survivors of partner violence as women. However, it must be emphasised that not



all boys and girls who are exposed to family violence will have these outcomes – an increased likelihood means just that, and there are boy and girl children witnessing or experiencing violence now who will decide that is not what they want in their adult relationships.

Both the physical and mental health impacts of partner violence are alarming. More than 1 in 3 women living with violence have been injured, and more than half of these are injured many times. Almost 2 in 10 were injured badly enough to need health care, although some did not receive the health care they needed and did not disclose the cause of injuries to health workers – yet there is a reduction since 2009 in women going to any type of health facility to seek help. In addition, almost 2 in 10 women living with partner violence have lost consciousness due to their husband's/partner's violence. All health providers and policy makers should take note of this finding, given the growing evidence of the potentially dire consequences of repeated concussions, including those that do not result in a loss of consciousness. There is a statistically significant association between physical, sexual and emotional violence and suicidal thoughts and actions – yet another fact that was also clear from the 2009 study.

The survey did not focus specifically on the economic costs of violence, but the scale of these costs can be inferred by the data in a range of areas. In addition to the long-term national economic costs of children failing at school, or dropping out, are the costs to the health system. Despite the drop in women seeking help from health facilities, women living with violence are more likely to be experiencing pain and discomfort, more likely to use health services, and more likely to need a night or more in hospital. It is not surprising that existing evidence from other countries indicates that violence against working women lowers their productivity (Vyas et al 2023c).

Reproductive health impacts are no less shocking, with 1 in 10 ever-pregnant women being physically abused during pregnancy, and many of these actually hit in the stomach while carrying their unborn baby. It is not surprising that women beaten during pregnancy are more likely to have a stillbirth. One piece of data on prevalence that VWC captured, and which is not yet collected systematically internationally, is reproductive coercion, with more than 1 in 10 ever-partnered women also experiencing this abuse of their basic rights in their lifetime.

### Coping strategies

Despite all these serious impacts, a key coping strategy for victims/survivors is to downplay the impacts of the violence – until it becomes too much for them to bear, or until their life is at risk.

**About 7 in 10 women have never gone to any agency or authority to get help, and just as in 2009, Chiefs are often the first people they seek help from.** Less than half have ever left home temporarily, and **only 2% have left the relationship permanently.** When asked why they have not got help or left home, women say that they love their husbands, they do not want the relationship to end, they do not want to leave their children, and some fear the additional consequences of further violence from their husbands/partner if they do seek help or leave temporarily. The qualitative evidence is clear that what women want and need most is for the violence to stop.

**One very promising finding that demonstrates the effectiveness of VWC's outreach over the last 15 years is that a higher percentage of women who did seek help said they did so because they knew where to go, and because they knew their rights.** Seeking help and fleeing in fear of their lives are often very dangerous times for women. All service-providers need to treat these pleas for help with the seriousness they deserve.

## 12.2 Recommendations to all stakeholders

### Prevention and support services

Assisting women and girls who seek help to deal with violence (partner or non-partner) is often seen as a “response” strategy rather than as a critical and essential part of prevention efforts. Considering the very high levels of all types of violence experienced in Vanuatu, and the risk factors evident in both 2009 and in 2024, this is an artificial (and potentially damaging) distinction. Although primary prevention (stopping violence before it ever starts) is needed to bring down the rate of lifetime prevalence, ending the violence that is happening now is key to reducing the current prevalence rates. The findings clearly show that dealing appropriately and effectively with current violence is essential to prevent a repeat of damaging behaviours in future generations.

There are some **critical evidence-based principles that need to be followed by all stakeholders, and included as minimum good standard criteria by all funding agencies** (WHO 2019 and WHO 2025b). Some of these include the following:

- **All prevention activities must be firmly grounded in a women’s rights perspective that challenges and changes pervasive patterns of gender inequality in Vanuatu society, and advances the empowerment of women.** The evidence in this report (and internationally) clearly shows that harmful gender norms that uphold male privilege and limit women’s autonomy need to be assertively addressed (WHO 2019: 7, and WHO 2025b: 9).
- There is international evidence that national-led feminist organisations and grass-roots local women’s movements have had the most impact on bringing about legal and policy change, changing gender norms and attitudes, and empowering women (Htun and Weldon 2012, Boudet et al 2012, Hunt et al 2015, WHO 2025b: 16, VWC 2022, and Vaughan forthcoming).
- International evidence also points to the need to target the key risk factors identified in this report, and to amplify protective factors (WHO 2019: 7, WHO 2025b: 4-5). Although no statistically significant protective factors were identified in 2024, the totality of the evidence from both 2009 and 2024, considered alongside the qualitative data, points to the need to focus on reducing men’s controlling behaviour, increasing women’s access to information about their human and legal rights, and targeting women’s social networks (including the social networks frequented by young women).
- The WHO highlights the need to “address the prevention continuum” (WHO 2019: 15) – meaning that prevention and response activities must be linked.
- Put women’s safety first, and do no harm, by working with organisations that understand the importance of confidentiality, and an empowering approach.
- Multisectoral coordination is essential, including supporting equitable partnerships across sectors and organizations, and at local and national levels, recognising strengths, expertise, and experience within communities; and investing in long-term sustainable partnerships (WHO 2025b: 15).

VWC’s approach has always been to integrate prevention and response activities: in other words, wherever possible prevention activities have a counselling and response element (for example, with counsellors on hand to deal with enquiries and provide non-judgemental and confidential counselling to women and children who may seek assistance during all community awareness activities and trainings). With the very high rates of current prevalence of all forms of violence against women and girls in Vanuatu, cases are likely to emerge during any prevention activity, and must be dealt with appropriately and immediately if prevention messages are to be effective at either an organisational or community level. We can be certain that both women and men will be alert to such responses.

### Recommendations to all stakeholders

Some readers may note that a few of the recommendations below are similar to those in the 2009 report (VWC and VNSO 2011: 184-189), albeit with different emphases. This is deliberate: the recommendations to Vanuatu Government agencies and other stakeholders from 2009 have not been consistently or assertively addressed over the last 15 years by Vanuatu National or Provincial Government agencies and other organisations working across different sectors, and the resources needed to scale up prevention work have not been made available.

The recommendations below are aligned with both the Vanuatu Government's own commitments to eliminate violence against women and strengthen gender equality, and with recommendations made to the Vanuatu Government at the international level – as outlined in the Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 to 2030, the Vanuatu National Gender Equality Policy, the Vanuatu Government's Beijing+30 National Review Report, and the United Nations Human Rights Council Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.

This report shows that VWC has established the evidence base for what works in the Vanuatu context over the last 15 years. VWC is an essential part of the national infrastructure for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls (EVAWG). However, VWC is only one part of the national prevention and response system needed to significantly reduce the prevalence of VAWG. National and Provincial Government agencies, and community leaders at all levels need to take a lead in implementing the recommendations below. In particular, the Vanuatu Government should take the lead with multisectoral coordination on EVAWG with all stakeholders, and ensure that national specialist EVAWG expertise guides all efforts to address these recommendations, including expertise from VWC.

The findings from this study need to be considered and incorporated into policy development, training, programs and service provision across government agencies, civil society organisations, faith-based organisations, and development agencies. This is particularly important for the law and justice, education and health sectors, including for mental health policy and programs. It is also critical for stakeholders and programs aimed at promoting economic development including income-generation programs and the economic empowerment of women.

Funding permitting, VWC intends to follow up this report by working with National and Provincial Government agencies and key sectors to develop provincial and sector-level national strategies and recommendations in a participatory manner with local and provincial ni-Vanuatu stakeholders, in order to strengthen and extend the work done since the first survey was published.

Many of the recommendations below relate to both violence against women and violence against children. However, it needs to be emphasised that response and prevention with adult women requires different skill sets and approaches to those for working with children.

1. *All community awareness, education and training programs to address violence against women by all stakeholders must be evidence-based, and explicitly advancing a human rights and gender equality approach.*
2. *All agencies undertaking any prevention work must have survivor-centred and rights-based ethical and safety protocols in place for managing disclosures of violence by women and children, including a commitment to refer to the VWC Network for follow-up counselling and support.*
3. *The multi-service delivery protocol urgently needs to be finalised, implemented and closely monitored by the Vanuatu Government.*
4. *Service providers need to ensure that all staff are aware of the evidence in this report regarding the multiple forms of violence experienced by women and girls, including violence committed by*

*husbands/partners, and non-partner violence against women and girls. All service providers also need to be aware of the serious impacts of all these forms of violence, including physical injury, reproductive health problems, emotional distress, suicide risk, permanent disability, the impact on women's work and the impact on children.*

5. *All stakeholders need to systematically collect and report sex-disaggregated data on the problem of violence against women and children, to inform future policy development and programs, assist with monitoring prevention activities, and budget allocations. Data collection must adhere to the highest standards of safety and ethical principles and follow global guidelines to ensure data systems are survivor-centred (UN Women and WHO, 2022). This recommendation applies to all law and justice sector agencies, the health and education sectors, the Child and Disability Desks in the Ministry of Justice and Community Services, other government departments, non-government and civil society organisations, and faith-based organisations.*
6. *Technology facilitated abuse in all its forms needs to be openly discussed in national and provincial forums, by all stakeholders. Women and men, and particularly young women and men, youth organisations and community leaders need to call out unacceptable behaviour and expectations that reinforce damaging gender norms and sexual exploitation. Digital literacy and safety skills must be part of fundamental education and training curricula to equip citizens with the capacity to protect themselves and for service providers to provide adequate support.*

#### **Recommendations for stakeholders working with young women and men**

7. *Young women and men aged 15-24 need to be a priority target group for prevention messages on all forms of violence against women and girls, including for technology facilitated abuse.*
8. *Awareness-raising and intensive prevention activities should be age and gender-specific wherever possible. This approach has been shown to be most effective across all types of organisations and at the community level, given the reluctance of women to speak out about their experiences in front of men. A similar reluctance is found among young men when in groups with older men.*
9. *All training and other programs specifically targeted at young women or young men should integrate an evidence-based focus on women's human rights, gender equality and violence against women as part of their curricula. VWC can be called upon to support this effort.*

VWC, the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre and some other women's crisis centres in the Pacific have together pioneered an effective male advocacy training program over many years that combines intensive repeated training with accountability of individual men to the women's rights movements. As several case studies in this report (and in VWC's annual progress reports) have shown, this approach has been effective at preventing and responding to violence and ensuring women's safety. VWC has specifically targeted Chiefs, police and other community leaders for its 4-stage male advocacy training program, with much evidence in the qualitative database that collaboration between police, Chiefs and VWC can have profound effects on prevention and response at the local level.

On the other hand, a recent qualitative review of VWC's program has found that many men believe that the law, and the way VWC supports women to use the law, disadvantages men and disrupts families. The evidence in this report challenges these deeply held assumptions, and it is critical that other organisations do not feed into these myths, particularly given that the review also found that women are very positive about the legal services that VWC provides (Vaughan forthcoming). Not only do these myths need to be challenged, but the evidence must be presented of how families and communities are damaged by ongoing violence, and the contrary evidence in VWC's qualitative database of men and women who are now able to move on together beyond the violence as a result of appropriate use of Family Protection Orders, coupled with the counselling that VWC provides to women. VWC is confronted with the accusation that it is trying to break up families almost every time a prevention activity is carried out, regardless of the location – whereas VWC's aim is stop the violence.

10. *All training and other programs with men, particularly young men, must not perpetuate myths about violence against women nor condone men's control over women. In order for men to become effective advocates for women's human rights, programs with men must be based on accurate data and challenge attitudes that reinforce gender inequality. An integral part of an effective approach is to hold men to account, particularly men trained as male advocates. Agencies that do not have demonstrated commitment and experience to implement such an approach should call on VWC for training and support.*
11. *Programs with male perpetrators of violence against women must be based on sound evidence of effective strategies and be carefully monitored to assess their outcomes. Such programs should not be supported by donors or local stakeholders unless they are firmly and explicitly based on a human rights approach which advances gender equality and women's rights.*

### **Recommendations for Chiefs, and National and Provincial Government agencies**

The National Gender Equality Policy and the People's Plan both highlight the need to eliminate violence against women and girls, and identify several actions to do so. However, although there is a clear Government mandate and an urgent national priority, Vanuatu Government actions remain uncoordinated and under-resourced, and are not being implemented systematically.

12. *Implementation of the National Gender Equality Policy needs to be prioritised by all areas of Government and adequately resourced for the country to make further progress in reducing the prevalence of all forms of VAWG.*
13. *The Vanuatu Government, non-government organisations and private sector agencies who provide formal employment should introduce a policy to provide special leave entitlements for women living with violence, to provide them with time and support to address the issues they face.*

There are high levels of social cohesion and social capital in Vanuatu, and overall, a high respect for the law put in place by ni-Vanuatu legislators since Independence in 1980. This is a positive feature of Vanuatu society and culture that provides an enormous opportunity for making progress in prevention work. VWC intends to further strengthen its outreach to remote areas in the provinces, in collaboration with local Chiefs and Provincial Government. However, it is clear that Chiefs, police and church leaders will remain the first and often only option for women seeking help with violence, in a context where access to other services are often very limited.

14. *Community leaders at all levels – including Chiefs and the Malvatumauri, National and Provincial Government leaders, Area Administrators and Provincial Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) – need to take more responsibility, initiative and evidence-based action on the violence against women and children currently taking place in their communities, in accordance with Vanuatu law, and with a survivor-centred approach that prioritises women's and children's rights and safety. One urgent priority is ensuring that cultural practices and customs harmful to women and children are actively challenged from a women's rights perspective.*

### **Recommendations for church leaders and faith-based organisations**

Along with Chiefs, police and the VWC Network, the data shows that churches remain very important for women seeking help when they are in crisis, with local presences in every community. However, as reported in chapter 11, there has been a reduction in women asking church leaders and agencies for help since 2009, and this needs to be taken very seriously by all faith-based organisations.

Church leaders also play a key role shaping community attitudes and responses to violence against women and girls, and can be powerful role models for respectful and non-violent behaviour. As noted above, no faith is immune and all face these issues more or less equally. Sadly, VWC's qualitative

database shows that some church leaders are also perpetrators of all forms of violence against women and children, as are men from all sections of all ni-Vanuatu communities in all provinces and areas. On the other hand, several of VWC's most reliable male advocates are church leaders.

Faith-based organisations at all levels need to develop appropriate prevention activities, including training male church leaders to better understand the evidence base on this issue and the long-term damaging consequences for communities, and to improve responses and support for women, particularly in remote areas.

15. *Faith-based organisations should include human rights, gender equality, accurate information about violence against women, and non-violent methods of conflict resolution in all their training and programs.*
16. *Church leaders at all levels need to take more responsibility, initiative and evidence-based action on the violence against women and children currently taking place in their communities, in accordance with Vanuatu law, and with a survivor-centred approach that prioritises women's and children's rights and safety.*

### **Recommendations for all stakeholders involved in the protection of children, including in the education sector**

Given the persistent high levels of both physical and sexual abuse against children, the education sector has a critical role to play – both by helping children to understand what is acceptable, and what is not, and by assisting them to seek help when problems come to light. The evidence shows that a strengthened focus is needed on younger children and adolescents (including those out of school) with age-appropriate prevention messages and activities from all relevant Government agencies. Policies on reporting of violence against children are in place, but need to be systematically implemented.

17. *All stakeholders, agencies and programs that work with children need to have child protection policies, protocols and adequate monitoring and reporting on their implementation. This applies to government agencies at all levels, educational institutions at all levels, health agencies, civil society organisations, sporting bodies and faith-based organisations.*
18. *Primary and secondary schools and other educational institutions need to have well-trained counsellors available to counsel girls and boys experiencing physical and sexual abuse, and to help address the emotional and other impacts experienced by children whose mothers are living in violent relationships. VWC's expertise should be used in training and counselling activities across the sector.*
19. *Child protection, human rights, gender equality and non-violent methods of conflict resolution should be included in primary and secondary school curricula; these topics should also be included in primary and secondary teacher training curricula.*
20. *Young people's organisations at Provincial, Area Council and Ward levels need to consider the findings of this report including the very high levels of all forms of violence against young women and girls, and develop action plans to prevent and address violence at every level.*
21. *The Vanuatu Government should establish a Department within the Ministry of Justice and Community Services to strengthen child protection measures.*
22. *Recruitment criteria for all government staff appointed to gender-related adviser and child protection positions should include knowledge and experience in the area of violence against women and child protection.*

### **Recommendations for the law and justice sector: improving the implementation of existing law**

The importance of efforts by the law and justice sector cannot be under-estimated. Their role is essential to all prevention and response efforts, as discussed above. The introduction of a no-drop



policy by the Vanuatu Police Force (VPF) for cases of physical and sexual violence against women was recommended after the 2009 survey and put in place by the VPF. While that was a positive step, it needs to be consistently enforced. VWC has continued to advocate and work closely with the Vanuatu Government, VPF, courts and the judiciary to strengthen laws and procedures, and many positive initiatives are either underway or have been put in place in recent years. However, these need assertive follow-up and enforcement by all partners to ensure women and children have equal access to the law and protection from further violence. Measures to ensure women's and children's safety are chronically under-resourced, including for investigations, and for the serving of Family Protection Orders (FPOs), with sometimes dire consequences for women. These areas need to be prioritised by the Vanuatu Government and the VPF.

23. *Improved responses to child sexual assault are urgently needed, in line with the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding with Government agencies. Guidelines for ensuring cases are dealt with immediately and sensitively by prosecutors, the VPF, the Victim Support Officer and Child Welfare Officers need to be consistently implemented, with a child-centred approach.*
24. *The Vanuatu Police Force's standard operating procedures for dealing with all cases of violence against women needs to be consistently enforced, and should be closely monitored, with police officers held to account when procedures are not followed as required.*
25. *The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between VWC and the VPF needs to be reviewed. Police Family Protection Units must be adequately resourced to respond effectively to cases of violence against women and children throughout the country. This must include adequate resources for transport and accommodation costs for cases to be followed up in remote areas, and for FPOs to be served immediately. At provincial level, police stations should have officers trained and dedicated to family protection cases.*
26. *A Victim Support Unit urgently needs to be established within the Vanuatu Police Force with staff trained and experienced in responding to crimes of violence against women and sexual and physical abuse of children.*
27. *The findings of this report should be included in police training curricula including refresher training for officers at all levels. Mandatory and refresher training should also be provided for all judicial officers and others in the law and justice sector on violence against women, human rights, gender equality and the findings of this survey. VWC input needed in all these trainings to ensure that police understand the causes, scope and consequences of all forms of violence against women and children.*
28. *Adequate resourcing is also needed for police to undertake crime prevention activities on technology-facilitated abuse by both partners and non-partners against women and children, and to investigate and prosecute these crimes.*

The Family Protection Act (FPA) was passed in late 2008, after many years of advocacy by VWC, and implementation in earnest by the Vanuatu Government began many years later. The data shows that very few women (only 1%), have ever gone to an Authorised Person for assistance, and no Registered Counsellors are currently appointed. This is not surprising given that the implementation of the FPA is still only in a trial phase, and is only operational in limited areas of Santo and Malekula. While a second cohort of Authorised Persons has been recruited, they have not yet been trained by VWC, and as a result, the law has not been implemented as intended in some instances.

29. *No Authorised Persons should be appointed or assessed without first being trained by VWC, and assessed for their understanding of the issues of violence against women and children, and their capacity and commitment to apply the law as intended.*
30. *Urgent action is needed to recruit and train Authorised Persons and Registered Counsellors to facilitate implementation of the Family Protection Act (FPA) throughout the country. Implementation of the FPA needs to be expedited in rural areas and its implementation needs to*

*be carefully monitored, including provisions related to the criminalisation of offences of violence against women.*

### **Recommendations for the law and justice sector: the law reform agenda**

The FPA was always intended to be reviewed after a period of implementation; this review is still outstanding, and there are several other laws that need review and reform to ensure that Vanuatu makes good progress towards eliminating violence against women and children in all its forms. While the Vanuatu Government has cyber-crime legislation in place, this is an area that is rapidly evolving with men using technology as a tool for coercive control as well as sexual violence against their wives and partners. The evidence in this report also indicates that technology facilitated sexual abuse by non-partners is also likely to quickly grow as it becomes normalised, particularly among young women and men.

- 31. A review of both the FPA itself and its implementation is urgently needed. Law reform needs to strengthen the protection of pregnant women, women with disabilities, and the use of technology to exert control over and sexually abuse women and girls. Violence against pregnant women, violence against women with disabilities, and child sexual abuse should be highlighted as aggravating factors for conviction and sentencing, and these cases must be prioritised when FPOs are issued.*
- 32. All legislation needs to conform with Vanuatu's obligations to key international conventions signed many years ago by the Vanuatu Government, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).*
- 33. The Correctional Services Act should be reviewed to ensure that women's and children's safety is given the highest priority when restorative or alternative justice approaches are implemented, including the use of community service and pardons for offenders convicted of physical and sexual crimes of violence against women and children.*
- 34. Victim impact statements should be informed by a women's and child's rights perspective, and soundly based on the evidence of the long-term damaging consequences in this report of crimes of violence against women and children.*
- 35. The Vanuatu Government should urgently develop comprehensive family law legislation, which takes into account the prevalence, severity and impacts of violence against women and children. The Marriage Act should be amended to raise the minimum of age of marriage for women from 16 to 18 years.*
- 36. The Vanuatu Government should regularly review cyber-crime legislation to ensure it integrates gender considerations, and that women and children are kept safe online, as technology evolves and as more data and qualitative evidence is collected on this issue both internationally and in Vanuatu.*
- 37. Reform of the Employment Act is needed to incorporate provisions to address sexual harassment and misconduct at work, as well as other reforms to ensure gender equality in the workplace (such as parental leave, and equal pay for women and men).*

### **Recommendations for all media organisations operating in Vanuatu**

With a surge in technology facilitated abuse, the media – including social media – has a critical role to play in challenging damaging myths, norms and behaviours.

- 38. All media organisations need to take care not to perpetuate or reinforce damaging myths about violence against women, including in their social media outlets. Training in responsible representation of women and children who have experienced violence should be integrated in education curricula and on the job training for media and communication professionals across sectors.*

### Recommendations for the health sector

Only 10% of women who experienced partner violence said that they had been to a health sector agency for help, and comparing the data from 2009 and 2024 shows that this has reduced substantially. Without consistent health sector data over time, it is difficult to validate this data or interpret the reasons for this decline in help-seeking behaviour by victims/survivors.

Nevertheless, women continue to be injured, concussed, and some are being hit or beaten during pregnancy, including in the stomach, and some are thinking about or attempting suicide. The health impacts nationally of violence against women and girls are significant, regardless of whether we consider physical, mental or reproductive health. Some surveys in recent years have tried to estimate the actual financial burden that this places on government budgets, including in the health sector. VWC chose not to include these additional questions, due to considerations of length and relevance to the Vanuatu context.

It is clear that the health sector has an important role to play in responding to violence, and in caring sensitively for those women and children living with this behaviour by men. There are also many opportunities in the health sector for stopping further violence – every time that a woman comes with an injury, through every visit to an ante-natal or post-natal clinic, and every time a girl child presents with some type of vaginal damage or with a teenage pregnancy. VWC’s 30-year “Herstory” (VWC 2022) documents many collaborations between health sector agencies and VWC, including trainings, the development of manuals and protocols. But it is evident that more needs to be done, and VWC looks forward to working more with the sector in a participatory manner to develop specific strategies and recommendations, including through finalisation and implementation of the multi-service delivery protocols (see recommendation 2), and through the National Mental Health Committee.

39. *All health staff, including front-line staff, need to be trained on the issue of violence against women and children. Assessment skills are needed for early detection of physical and sexual violence against women and children. Basic counselling skills are needed for dealing with victims in a non-judgemental, confidential, sensitive and respectful manner. These topics and the findings of this report need to be included in the nursing curriculum and refresher training for urban and rural health staff. VWC’s expertise should be used in these activities.*
40. *Training and services on mental health need to address the strong link found between physical, sexual and emotional violence against women, mental health problems, and significantly increased suicide risk. The impacts of repeated concussions also need to be considered. Specialist mental health staff such as professional psychologists should be available in rural areas to assist women who are traumatised by intimate partner violence. VWC supports the establishment of provincial mental health committees.*

### Other recommendations, including to external donors

All funding agencies need to take note that messages that conflict with the evidence base in this report (and the international evidence base) including the need to change attitudes and behaviours and uphold women’s rights, will undoubtedly retard progress. Blaming and shaming women, and actions that sanction or tolerate violence, will hamper the pace of positive change. Women (and ni-Vanuatu community leaders) have shown that they trust the Vanuatu Women’s Centre; there is ample evidence that the gains made to date are due primarily to its efforts.

Now is not the time for a fracturing of support from key donors; this would pose a risk to VWC being able to continue to provide essential services to women in rural areas across the country, who are most in need of both awareness-raising and response efforts. It would mean that women learn that when they do seek help, there is no back-up to support them. It would mean that women subjected

to violence during disasters would not have the support of counsellors. The numerous requests made by women and Chiefs during the survey for VWC to return could not be followed up, and many other consequences besides. What is needed now is an increase in donor support in all the areas outlined in the above recommendations.

- 41. Long-term core funding is needed for the Vanuatu Women's Centre to continue its integrated and comprehensive national program of prevention and response, if Vanuatu is to build on the gains already made in reducing violence against women and children.**
- 42. Any external funding by international donors needs to be targeted to agencies with proven expertise and understanding of the problem of violence against women, with firm roots in and understanding of the Vanuatu community and its customs, and demonstrated commitment to advancing women's rights.*
- 43. All donor agencies should mainstream attention to gender equality, human rights and violence against women into all sector strategies, programs and projects. Rather than seek to replicate the work of VWC, agencies need to integrate the evidence in this report into their ongoing programs and ways of working, by taking all opportunities to raise awareness of the issues, and by providing appropriate support to women living with violence, including by referring them to VWC.*
- 44. Bilateral and multilateral donors must urgently prioritise funding for critical elements of the national EVAWG infrastructure, including the implementation of the Family Protection Act throughout the country, the implementation of the multi-service delivery protocol, and prevention and response work in key sectors as outlined in the Vanuatu Government's existing policies.*
- 45. Bilateral and multilateral donors should provide additional funding for a VWC safehouse, and for permanent premises for VWC's Branches in the provinces, considering the higher prevalence in rural areas and the lack of accessibility of other services in many areas.*

## 12.3 Implications for the Vanuatu Women's Centre

### Strategic planning, ongoing dissemination of the findings, and community awareness and prevention work

Since the publication of the 2009 survey, VWC has integrated its findings into all its work, including all prevention activities, and legal and policy advocacy, as well as counselling. New branches and CAVAWs were established to ensure national coverage of VWC services, using the prevalence data in the report as a guide to determine priorities for prevention work and response services. The 2009 survey findings informed all VWC's strategies to bring an end to violence against women and girls, and key findings continued to be disseminated to this day. The same commitment and intention continues to applying and disseminating the findings from the 2024 study.

The 2024 study confirms that VWC's program design is sound, with its comprehensive and interlinked approach between prevention, response and legal and policy advocacy, which spans national, provincial and local activities. Working with ni-Vanuatu community leaders at all levels, forming productive collaborations and partnerships with Vanuatu sectoral agencies, and learning from victims/survivors will remain a key focus of VWC's approach. However, it is clear that more focus is needed on some key areas identified as risk factors, with some modification to strategies, provided that adequate funding is available from external donors.

Areas which VWC staff have identified as needing more specific and intensive focus include the following:

- VWC needs to continue to reach out to and engage young women on the violence that begins very early in their relationships, on the cycle of violence, and on the harms of technology facilitated abuse. A greater focus is needed also on men's controlling behaviours, which feed into attitudes that sanction women's subordination and lower status.

- VWC will also continue to focus on children of all ages in age-appropriate ways, including through mobile counselling and awareness activities in schools, over and above the annual special events around the country for Children's Day.
- A strengthened focus is needed on non-partner sexual abuse for women over 15, and on child sexual abuse. This includes ensuring that all stakeholders understand that, as well as being egregious human and legal rights abuses in themselves, these are significant risk factors that increase the likelihood of women also experiencing intimate partner violence.
- While VWC has always had a very strong rural focus in its work, the research fieldwork highlighted that rural outreach to the most remote places needs to be a high priority. There are many remote areas that have not yet heard VWC's messages, except through the radio. When planning activities annually, there are always a mix of new places that VWC visits, and follow-up visits to places and communities where VWC has gone before, where the knowledge and understanding of the issues and consequences of violence needs to be deepened. The balance between these two priorities will continue to be based on local knowledge, information from counselling, and requests and approvals from Chiefs and local community leaders.
- Strengthening existing CAVAWs and working with community leaders to establish new CAVAWs is a priority closely linked to the need for ongoing and intensive rural outreach, and to strengthening protective factors. This home-grown community mobilisation and mentoring strategy is empowering for the women involved, contributes to positive role models in the community, contributes to information on women's rights reaching as many women as possible, and creates safe spaces for women when they take the difficult decision to seek help, or to leave temporarily.
- VWC's male advocacy training program is also critical, not just for community leaders (a major focus to date), but also for young men, so that their peers can be engaged and challenged on violent and controlling behaviour, wherever it occurs.
- The consequences of both partner and non-partner violence against women and children and its inter-generational impacts, is another area that needs more focused attention. Women have told us in the survey that they consider the needs and welfare of their children when making decisions about seeking help, leaving temporarily, returning home, or never leaving and never seeking help. More understanding needs to be disseminated in communities and families about the damaging impacts on children, and the increased likelihood that children growing up with family violence are significantly more likely either to perpetrate it as adults (as men) and to end up living with it (as women).

High quality, confidential, empowering and non-judgemental counselling will remain the bedrock of VWC's approach – not just because this helps to prevent further violence for clients, but because the qualitative evidence indicates that this also has a potentially powerful prevention impact in the wider community. When asked who they would have liked to get more help from, the highest response was that women want help from family members, and family members also remain the largest group of people who women tell about the violence. This indicates that community based awareness activities, targeting a range of different age groups, is still needed.

### **Engaging in collaborative partnerships and actions with key sectors of ni-Vanuatu society**

Following the publication of this report, VWC will pro-actively engage in the coming months with sectors of Vanuatu society to disseminate the key findings relevant to each sector, and to refine recommendations and strategies for implementation with the stakeholders involved. These sectors include: national and provincial government leaders, the law and justice sector, the education sector, the health sector, youth agencies, community leaders such as Chiefs, provincial councils of chiefs, and the Malvatumauri, faith-based organisations, and the disabled people's sector.

### Further research

The report on the 2009 study identified the need to delve deeper into elements of custom and how these are linked to violence against women, and attitudes and understandings on women's human rights. Although there were inadequate funds to undertake research on these links in the last 15 years, it is an important piece of study that needs to be undertaken by VWC, to explore the barriers to change related to both partner violence, and non-partner violence. Changing attitudes towards women's rights and away from a tolerance of violence against women and children has emerged as a major challenge in the findings, with little or no change in a range of attitudes that sanction harmful acts. While VWC has sound evidence from its internal database that its workshops do change participants' understanding of the law, their ability to take action to help women living with violence, and some key attitudes related to violence against women, this internal data also shows that the hardest areas to shift relate to the fundamentals of gender inequality that exist in Vanuatu society.

The focus in this survey on violence against women in emergencies is a step forward in understanding how these two issues are linked, and the variation that exists in the way harmful behaviour plays out in relationships characterised by family violence. But women's needs and how they want to be helped during these traumatic times also needs to be better understood. When VWC has gone out to remote communities after disasters, and shared information on violence against women in disasters, this outreach is greatly appreciated by community members and leaders. Usually, VWC has been the very first or only agency to turn up in these remote places following a disaster. The internal database shows that some women are following up to get help, either when VWC is in the community, or some time later, because often it is their first opportunity to hear about VWC's services. It is important to hear women's voices about how best to support them during these times, rather than making assumptions that they will want to (or be able to) report the violence during the aftermath or recovery.

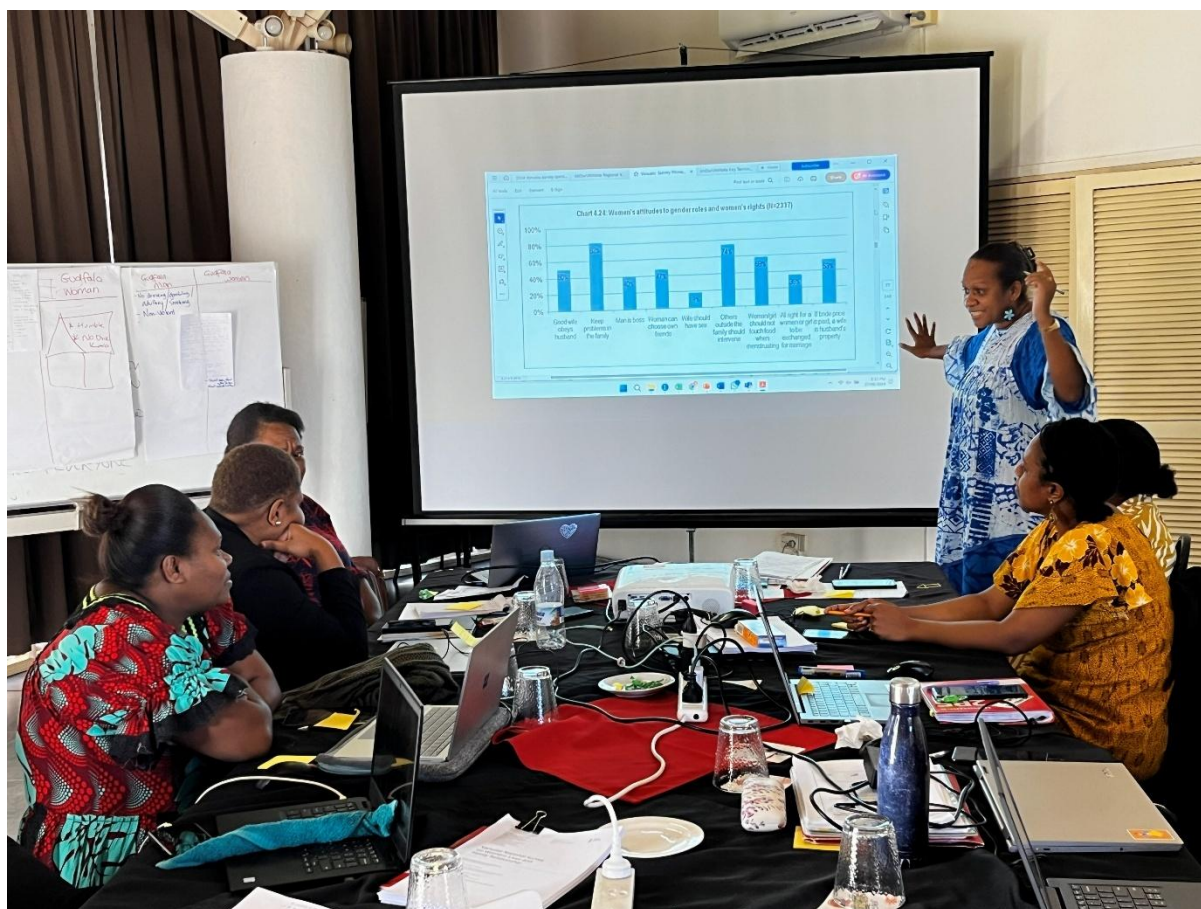
The focus on non-partner technology facilitated abuse in the survey was an exploratory first step towards understanding the scale and scope of this issue in Vanuatu. More discussion will be needed with a range of stakeholders to consider how this issue needs to be further researched, and how it is best to be addressed in this context. This will become a focus of VWC's advocacy in future, in collaboration with other key partners.

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*"At the end of each funding phase, we are always saying: are they going to give us money again, or not? And that worry is still with us."* Merilyn Tahy, VWC founder (VWC 2022: 35)

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# ANNEXES

## Annex 1: 2024 Survey Questionnaire



# Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships



Survey conducted by the Vanuatu Women's Centre in  
partnership with the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics

Final (draft 10) English language version,  
22 May 2024 (minor updates after fieldwork training)

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# ADMINISTRATION FORM

| IDENTIFICATION                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| LOCATION (CAPITAL/TOWN - VILA = 1, LUGANVILLE = 2; RURAL PROVINCES - TORBA = 3, SANMA = 4, PENAMA = 5, MALAMPA = 6, SHEFA = 7, TAFEA = 8) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    | [   ]           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| VILLAGE _____                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    | [   ][   ][   ] |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ENUMERATION AREA NUMBER .....                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    | [   ][   ][   ] |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| HOUSEHOLD NUMBER .....                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    | [   ][   ][   ] |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| NAME OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD : _____                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| INTERVIEWER VISITS                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                           | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2                                                                                  | 3               | FINAL VISIT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DATE                                                                                                                                      | _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | _____                                                                              | _____           | DAY [   ][   ]<br>MONTH [   ][   ]<br>YEAR [   ][   ][   ][   ]                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| INTERVIEWERS NAME<br>RESULT***                                                                                                            | _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | _____                                                                              | _____           | INTERVIEWER [   ][   ]<br>RESULT [   ][   ]                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| NEXT VISIT: DATE<br>TIME<br>LOCATION                                                                                                      | _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | _____                                                                              |                 | TOTAL NUMBER<br>OF VISITS [   ]                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| QUESTIONNAIRES<br>COMPLETED?                                                                                                              | <b>*** RESULT CODES</b><br><br>Refused (specify): _____ .. 11<br>Dwelling vacant or address not a dwelling 12<br>Dwelling destroyed..... 13<br>Dwelling not found, not accessible..... 14<br>Entire hh absent for extended period ..... 15<br>No hh member at home at time of visit .... <b>16</b><br>Hh respondent postponed interview ..... <b>17</b><br><br>Entire hh speaking unknown language. ...18 |                                                                                    |                 | CHECK HH SELECTION<br>FORM:<br><br>TOTAL IN HOUSEHOLD<br>(Q1)<br>[   ][   ]<br><br>TOTAL ELIGIBLE<br>WOMEN IN HH OF<br>SELECTED WOMAN<br>(Q3, total with YES)<br>[   ][   ]<br><br>LINE NUMBER OF<br>SELECTED FEMALE<br>RESPONDENT<br>(Q3)<br>[   ][   ] |
| [   ] 1. None completed ⇒                                                                                                                 | Selected woman refused (specify): _____ .. 21<br>No eligible woman in household ..... 22<br>Selected woman not at home ..... <b>23</b><br>Selected woman postponed interview ..... <b>24</b><br>Selected woman incapacitated ..... 25<br>Selected woman speaks unknown language<br>..... 26                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |                 | ⇒Need to return<br>⇒Need to return<br><br>⇒Need to return<br>⇒Need to return                                                                                                                                                                             |
| [   ] 2. HH selection form<br>(and in most cases HH<br>questionnaire) only ⇒                                                              | Does not want to continue (specify) : _____ .. 31<br>Rest of interview postponed to next visit <b>32</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                    |                 | ⇒Need to return                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| [   ] 3. Woman's<br>questionnaire partly ⇒                                                                                                | ..... 41                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                    |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| [   ] 4. Woman's<br>questionnaire completed<br>⇒                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| LANGUAGE OF QUESTIONNAIRE (Bislama = 1; English = 2; French = 3)                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                 | [   ]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| LANGUAGE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED IN (Bislama = 1; English = 2; French = 3; Other = 4)                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                 | [   ]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURE CONDUCTED (1 = yes, 2 = no)                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                 | [   ]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| FIELD<br>SUPERVISOR                                                                                                                       | REMOVED FOR CAPI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | OFFICE<br>EDITOR                                                                   |                 | ENTERED<br>BY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| NAME [   ][   ]<br>DAY [   ][   ]<br>MONTH [   ][   ]<br>YEAR [   ][   ][   ][   ]                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | NAME [   ][   ]<br>DAY [   ][   ]<br>MONTH [   ][   ]<br>YEAR [   ][   ][   ][   ] |                 | ENTRY 1: _____<br><br>ENTRY 2: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

IF MORE THAN ONE HH IN SELECTED DWELLING: FILL OUT SEPERATE HH SELECTION FORM FOR EACH ONE  
THE MALE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, OR ANY RESPONSIBLE ADULT IN HOUSEHOLD –  
SUCH AS ANY ADULT WOMAN, GRANDPARENTS OR A CHILD OVER 15 YEARS.

| HOUSEHOLD SELECTION FORM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                              |                                    |                                                                               |  |         |                     |                  |                      |           |               |                                      |                  |                     |                                              |          |            |                                                 |                    |           |  |                 |                |  |                    |                        |  |                  |  |  |           |               |
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| <p>Hello, my name is _____. I am here from the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics and Vanuatu Women's Centre. We want to learn about women's lives and family relationships. There are 3 parts to the survey – for the first 2 parts, we would like to talk to the head of the household. If he/she is not here, we would like to talk to another adult. For the third part, we would like to talk to one woman, who will be chosen by chance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                              |                                    |                                                                               |  |         |                     |                  |                      |           |               |                                      |                  |                     |                                              |          |            |                                                 |                    |           |  |                 |                |  |                    |                        |  |                  |  |  |           |               |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Please can you tell me how many people live here, and share food?<br/> <b>PROBE:</b> Does this include children (including infants) living here?<br/>           Does it include any other people who may not be members of your family, such as house-girls, house-boys, friends, visitors or relatives who have lived here and shared food for more than one month?<br/> <b>MAKE SURE THESE PEOPLE ARE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL</b></p> |                                                                                   |                                                                              |                                    | <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD<br/>           [   ][   ]</p>          |  |         |                     |                  |                      |           |               |                                      |                  |                     |                                              |          |            |                                                 |                    |           |  |                 |                |  |                    |                        |  |                  |  |  |           |               |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Is the head of the household male or female?<br/> <b>PUT BOTH IF THEY DON'T WANT TO SAY EITHER MALE OR FEMALE</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |                                                                              |                                    | <p>MALE ..... 1<br/>           FEMALE ..... 2<br/>           BOTH ..... 3</p> |  |         |                     |                  |                      |           |               |                                      |                  |                     |                                              |          |            |                                                 |                    |           |  |                 |                |  |                    |                        |  |                  |  |  |           |               |
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| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Today we would like to talk to one woman from your household. To help me to identify whom I should talk to, would you please give me the first names of all girls or women who usually live in your household (and share food).                                                                                                                                                                                                          | What is the relationship of NAME to the head of the household.* (USE CODES BELOW) | Does NAME usually live here?<br>SPECIAL CASES: SEE (A) BELOW.<br>YES      NO | How old is NAME? (YEARS, estimate) | SEE CRITERIA BELOW (A +B)<br><br>YES    NO                                    |  |         |                     |                  |                      |           |               |                                      |                  |                     |                                              |          |            |                                                 |                    |           |  |                 |                |  |                    |                        |  |                  |  |  |           |               |
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| <p><b>(A) SPECIAL CASES TO BE CONSIDERED MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HOUSE-GIRLS IF THEY SLEEP 5 NIGHTS A WEEK OR MORE IN THE HOUSEHOLD.</li> <li>VISITORS, FRIENDS OR OTHER RELATIVES IF THEY SLEPT IN THE HOUSEHOLD FOR THE PAST 4 WEEKS.</li> </ul> <p><b>(B) ELIGIBLE: ANY WOMAN BETWEEN 15 AND 64 YEARS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD.</b></p> <p><b>MORE THAN ONE ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN HH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RANDOMLY SELECT ONE ELIGIBLE WOMAN FOR INTERVIEW: GIVE EACH ELIGIBLE WOMAN A NUMBER FROM YOUNGEST TO OLDEST, USE KISH GRID &amp; HH NUMBER TO SELECT.</li> <li>PUT CIRCLE AROUND LINE NUMBER OF WOMAN SELECTED. ASK IF YOU CAN TALK WITH THE SELECTED WOMAN. IF SHE IS NOT AT HOME, AGREE ON DATE FOR RETURN VISIT.</li> <li>CONTINUE WITH HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE</li> </ul> <p><b>NO ELIGIBLE WOMAN IN HH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAY "I cannot continue because I can only interview women 15–64 years old. Thank you for your assistance."</li> <li>FINISH HERE.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                              |                                    |                                                                               |  |         |                     |                  |                      |           |               |                                      |                  |                     |                                              |          |            |                                                 |                    |           |  |                 |                |  |                    |                        |  |                  |  |  |           |               |

\* If both (male and female) are the head, refer to the male.

THE MALE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, OR ANY RESPONSIBLE ADULT IN HOUSEHOLD – SUCH AS ANY ADULT WOMAN, GRANDPARENTS OR A CHILD OVER 15 YEARS.

## HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

| QUESTIONS & FILTERS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | CODING CATEGORIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                |
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| 1                   | <p>If you don't mind, I would like to ask you a few questions about your household.</p> <p>What is the main source of drinking-water for your household?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>TAP/PIPED WATER INSIDE THE HOUSE ..... 01</p> <p>OUTSIDE TAP (PIPED WATER) WITH HH..... 02</p> <p>PUBLIC TAP ..... 03</p> <p>WELL-WATER, WITH HOUSEHOLD ..... 04</p> <p>PUBLIC WELL ..... 05</p> <p>HANDPUMP WELL, WITH HOUSEHOLD ..... 06</p> <p>PUBLIC HANDPUMP WELL..... 07</p><br><p>RIVER/SMALL CREEK/LAKE/SPRING..... 08</p> <p>RAINWATER TANK ..... 9</p> <p>RAINWATER DRUM ..... 10</p> <p>BOTTLED WATER FROM SHOP ..... 11</p><br><p>OTHER: ..... .. 96</p> <p>DON'T KNOW ..... 98</p> <p>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99</p> |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                |
| 2                   | <p>What kind of toilet does your household have?</p> <p>VIP = VENTILATED IMPROVED PIT LATRINE</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>OWN FLUSH TOILET ..... 01</p> <p>SHARED FLUSH TOILET ..... 02</p> <p>VIP LATRINE IN THE HOUSEHOLD..... 03</p> <p>PUBLIC VIP LATRINE..... 04</p> <p>TRADITIONAL PIT TOILET/LATRINE ..... 05</p> <p>RIVER/CANAL/SEA..... 06</p> <p>NO FACILITY/BUSH/FIELD ..... 07</p><br><p>OTHER: ..... .. 96</p> <p>DON'T KNOW ..... 98</p> <p>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99</p>                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                |
| 3                   | <p>What are the main materials used in the roof of the house?</p> <p>RECORD OBSERVATION</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>ROOF FROM NATURAL MATERIALS..... 01</p> <p>(coconut leaf, bamboo, grass, cane, natangura leaf)</p> <p>TEMPORARY ROOF (PLASTIC/CARTON)..... 02</p> <p>WOOD, TIMBER..... 03</p> <p>TILED OR CONCRETE ROOF..... 04</p> <p>CORRUGATED IRON ..... 05</p><br><p>OTHER: ..... .. 06</p> <p>DON'T KNOW ..... 98</p> <p>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                |
| 4                   | <p>Does your household have:</p> <p>a) Electric light</p> <p>b) A radio</p> <p>c) A television</p> <p>d) An air-conditioner</p> <p>e) A refrigerator</p> <p>f) A washing machine</p> <p>g) A microwave oven</p> <p>h) A cooking stove</p> <p>i) A clothes iron</p> <p>j) A table</p> <p>k) A chair</p> <p>l) A bedstand</p> <p>m) A mattress</p> <p>n) A solar light or lamp</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>NO</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> | <p>DK</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> |
| 5                   | <p>Does any member of your household own:</p> <p>a) A bicycle?</p> <p>b) A motorcycle?</p> <p>c) A car?</p> <p>d) A truck, hilux or 4-wheel drive?</p> <p>e) A speedboat with an engine?</p> <p>f) A canoe?</p>                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>YES</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>NO</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>                                                                         | <p>DK</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p>                                                                         |

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| 6   | Do people in your household own any land?                                                                                                                                                       | YES..... 01<br>NO ..... 02<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                     |  |
| 7   | How many rooms in your household are used for sleeping?                                                                                                                                         | NUMBER OF ROOMS ..... [ ][ ]<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                   |  |
| 8   | Are you concerned about the levels of crime in your community (like robberies, assaults or murders)?<br>Would you say that you are not at all concerned, a little concerned, or very concerned? | NOT CONCERNED..... 01<br>A LITTLE CONCERNED..... 02<br>VERY CONCERNED ..... 03<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99 |  |
| 9   | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 9 a | Are you concerned about violence due to land disputes?<br>Would you say that you are not at all concerned, a little concerned, or very concerned?                                               | NOT CONCERNED..... 01<br>A LITTLE CONCERNED..... 02<br>VERY CONCERNED ..... 03<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99 |  |
| 9 b | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 9 c | Are you concerned about violence due to black magic/sorcery?<br>Would you say that you are not at all concerned, a little concerned, or very concerned?                                         | NOT CONCERNED..... 01<br>A LITTLE CONCERNED..... 02<br>VERY CONCERNED ..... 03<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99 |  |
| 9 d | In the past 4 weeks, has someone from this household been the victim of a crime in this community due to black magic/sorcery?                                                                   | YES..... 01<br>NO ..... 02<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                     |  |
| 10  | NOTE SEX OF RESPONDENT                                                                                                                                                                          | MALE..... 1<br>FEMALE ..... 2                                                                                                      |  |

Thank you very much for your assistance.

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## Survey on women's lives and family relationships

## WOMAN'S QUESTIONNAIRE

**Confidential upon completion**



**INDIVIDUAL CONSENT FORM**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am from the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics and Vanuatu Women's Centre. We are conducting a survey to learn about women's lives and family relationships. We would like to talk to you about this. You have been chosen by chance to participate in the survey. (EXPLAIN HOW SHE WAS CHOSEN IF NECESSARY.)

All your answers will be kept strictly secret. I will not keep a record of your name or address. You have the right to stop the interview at any time, or to skip any questions that you don't want to answer. There are no right or wrong answers. Some of the topics may be difficult to discuss, but many women have found it useful to have the opportunity to talk.

Your participation is completely voluntary but your experiences could be very helpful to other women in Vanuatu.

Do you have any questions?

(The interview takes between 30 to 60 minutes to complete.) Do you agree to be interviewed?

NOTE WHETHER RESPONDENT AGREES TO INTERVIEW OR NOT

[ ] DOES NOT AGREE TO BE INTERVIEWED → THANK PARTICIPANT FOR HER TIME AND END

[ ] AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED



Is now a good time to talk?

It's very important that we talk in private. Is this a good place to hold the interview, or is there somewhere else that you would like to go?

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEWER**

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE CONSENT PROCEDURE TO THE PARTICIPANT.

SIGNED:

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**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** day [ ][ ] month [ ][ ] year [ ][ ][ ][ ]

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| 100. RECORD THE TIME                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                    | Hour [ ][ ] (24 h)<br>Minutes [ ][ ]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |
| SECTION 1 RESPONDENT AND HER COMMUNITY                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| QUESTIONS & FILTERS                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                    | CODING CATEGORIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | SKIP TO |
| If you don't mind, I would like to start by asking you a little about <COMMUNITY NAME>.                                                 |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| INSERT NAME OF COMMUNITY/VILLAGE/ ABOVE AND IN THE QUESTIONS BELOW.<br>IF NO NAME, SAY "IN THIS COMMUNITY/VILLAGE/AREA" AS APPROPRIATE. |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 101                                                                                                                                     | REMOVED                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 102                                                                                                                                     | REMOVED                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 103                                                                                                                                     | REMOVED                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 104                                                                                                                                     | REMOVED                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 105                                                                                                                                     | REMOVED                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 106                                                                                                                                     | How old are you now?<br>IF NOT SURE: About how old?                                                                                | AGE (YEARS) .....[ ][ ]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |
| 107                                                                                                                                     | I would now like to ask you some questions about yourself.<br>What is your date of birth (day, month and year that you were born)? | DAY .....[ ][ ]<br>MONTH .....[ ][ ]<br>YEAR ..... [ ][ ][ ]<br>DON'T KNOW YEAR ..... 9998<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9999                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |
| 108                                                                                                                                     | How long have you been living continuously in<br>COMMUNITY NAME?                                                                   | NUMBER OF YEARS .....[ ][ ]<br>LESS THAN 1 YEAR.....00<br>LIVED ALL HER LIFE ..... 95<br>VISITOR (AT LEAST 4 WEEKS IN<br>HOUSEHOLD) ..... 96<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 108<br>a                                                                                                                                | What is your religion?                                                                                                             | NO RELIGION ..... 0<br>CATHOLIC ..... 01<br>ANGLICAN ..... 02<br>ASSEMBLIES OF GOD (AOG) ..... 03<br>CHURCH OF CHRIST ..... 04<br>PRESBYTERIAN ..... 05<br>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST ..... 06<br>APOSTOLIC ..... 07<br>OTHER CHRISTIAN: ..... 08<br>OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN: ..... 09<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99 |         |
| 109                                                                                                                                     | Can you read and write?                                                                                                            | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |
| 110                                                                                                                                     | Have you ever attended school?<br>SCHOOL INCLUDES PRIMARY, SECONDARY,<br>TERTIARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION                         | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ⇒113    |
| 111<br>a                                                                                                                                | What is the highest level of education that you achieved?<br>MARK HIGHEST LEVEL.                                                   | PRIMARY _____ year ..... 1<br>SECONDARY _____ year ..... 2<br>HIGHER/TERTIARY _____ year ..... 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |
| 111<br>b                                                                                                                                | ADD UP THE TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS IN SCHOOL,<br>INCLUDING HIGHER/TERTIARY EDUCATION                                                 | NUMBER OF YEARS SCHOOLING..[ ][ ]<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |
| 112                                                                                                                                     | REMOVED                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
| 113                                                                                                                                     | Do any of your family of birth live close enough by that you<br>can easily see/visit them?                                         | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>LIVING WITH FAMILY OF BIRTH..... 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ⇒ 115   |

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| 114      | How often do you see or talk to a member of your family of birth? Would you say at least once a week, once a month, once a year, or never?                                                                                                                                           | AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK ..... 1<br>AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH ..... 2<br>AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR ..... 3<br>NEVER (HARDLY EVER) ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                    |      |
| 115      | When you need help or have a problem, can you usually ask your family of birth for support?                                                                                                                                                                                          | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                       |      |
| 116<br>a | Do you regularly attend a group, organization or association?<br><br>IF NO, PROMPT:<br>Organizations like women's or community groups, religious groups or political associations.                                                                                                   | YES ..... 1<br><b>NO</b> ..... <b>2</b><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                         | ⇒118 |
| 117      | Is this group (Are any of these groups) attended by women only?<br>(REFER TO THE ATTENDED GROUPS ONLY)                                                                                                                                                                               | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                        |      |
| 118      | Has anyone ever prevented you from attending a meeting or participating in an organization?<br>IF YES, ASK: Who prevented you?<br><br>MARK ALL THAT APPLY<br><br>IF A GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY LEADER IS MENTIONED, PROMPT FOR TYPE OF LEADER (e.g. Chief, Police, Church leader etc) | NOT PREVENTED..... A<br>PARTNER/HUSBAND..... B<br>PARENTS ..... C<br>PARENTS-IN-LAW/PARENTS OF PARTNER..... D<br>SON ..... E<br>DAUGHTER ..... F<br>OTHER RELATIVE ..... G<br>GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY LEADER (specify):<br>..... H<br>OTHER:..... X |      |
| 118<br>a | Has anyone ever prevented you from travelling to another village, community or island?<br>IF YES, ASK: Who prevented you?<br><br>MARK ALL THAT APPLY<br><br>IF A GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY LEADER IS MENTIONED, PROMPT FOR TYPE OF LEADER (e.g. Chief, Police, Church leader etc)      | NOT PREVENTED..... A<br>PARTNER/HUSBAND..... B<br>PARENTS ..... C<br>PARENTS-IN-LAW/PARENTS OF PARTNER..... D<br>SON ..... E<br>DAUGHTER ..... F<br>OTHER RELATIVE ..... G<br>GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY LEADER (specify):<br>..... H<br>OTHER:..... X |      |
| 118<br>b | Has anyone ever prevented you from accessing or continuing with your education?<br>IF YES, ASK: Who prevented you?<br><br>MARK ALL THAT APPLY<br><br>IF A GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY LEADER IS MENTIONED, PROMPT FOR TYPE OF LEADER (e.g. Chief, Police, Church leader etc)             | NOT PREVENTED..... A<br>PARTNER/HUSBAND..... B<br>PARENTS ..... C<br>PARENTS-IN-LAW/PARENTS OF PARTNER..... D<br>SON ..... E<br>DAUGHTER ..... F<br>OTHER RELATIVE ..... G<br>GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY LEADER (specify):<br>..... H<br>OTHER:..... X |      |
| 118<br>c | Have you ever <del>owned or</del> used any electronic devices, such as mobile phone, email, internet, computers, or tablets, or have you used any social media (such as Facebook, Viber, BIP, IMO, WhatsApp, Instagram, Messenger, Snapchat, Skype, or Telegram)?                    | YES..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                       |      |

**BEFORE CONTINUING, MARK USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR SOCIAL MEDIA FROM RESPONSE TO QUESTION 118c ON REFERENCE SHEET, BOX D.**

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| 119      | Are you <u>currently</u> married or do you have a male partner?<br><br>IF RESPONDENT HAS A MALE PARTNER ASK<br>Do you and your partner live together?                   | CURRENTLY MARRIED ..... 1 ⇒123<br><br>LIVING WITH MAN, NOT MARRIED ..... 3 ⇒123<br><br>CURRENTLY HAVING A REGULAR PARTNER<br>(SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP),<br>LIVING APART ..... 4 ⇒123<br><br>NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED OR LIVING<br>WITH A MAN (NOT INVOLVED IN A SEXUAL<br>RELATIONSHIP)..... 5 |
| 120<br>a | Have you <u>ever</u> been married or lived with a male partner?                                                                                                         | YES, MARRIED ..... 1 ⇒121<br>YES, LIVED WITH A MAN, BUT NEVER<br>MARRIED ..... 3 ⇒121<br><br>NO ..... 5                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 120<br>b | Have you ever had a regular male sexual partner, or been involved in a relationship with a man without living together (such as being engaged, a boyfriend, or dating)? | YES ..... 1<br><br>NO ..... 2 ⇒S2<br><br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9 ⇒S2                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 121      | Did the <u>last partnership with a man</u> end in divorce or separation, or did your husband/partner die?                                                               | DIVORCED ..... 1<br>SEPARATED/BROKEN UP..... 2<br><b>WIDOWED/PARTNER DIED</b> ..... 3 ⇒123<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                            |
| 122      | Was the divorce/separation initiated by you, by your husband/partner, his relatives, your relatives, or did you both decide that you should separate?                   | RESPONDENT ..... 1<br>HUSBAND/PARTNER..... 2<br>BOTH (RESPONDENT AND PARTNER) ..... 3<br>HIS RELATIVES ..... 4<br>HER RELATIVES ..... 5<br><br>OTHER: ..... 6<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                         |
| 123      | How many times in your life have you been married and/or lived together with a man?<br>(INCLUDE CURRENT PARTNER IF LIVING TOGETHER)                                     | NUMBER OF TIMES MARRIED/<br>LIVED TOGETHER ..... [ ][ ]<br>..... IF "00" ⇒S2<br><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                                                                                                      |
| 123<br>a | How old were you the first time you were married or lived together with a man?                                                                                          | AGE IN YEARS ..... [ ][ ]<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**BEFORE CONTINUING REVIEW RESPONSES IN 119, 120 and 123 AND MARK MARITAL STATUS ON REFERENCE SHEET, BOX A.**

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| 124 | <p>The next few questions are about your current or most recent partnership.</p> <p>Do/did you live together (in the same home) with your husband/partner's parents or relatives, or with your own parents or relatives?</p> | <p>NOT LIVING WITH HUSBAND'S OR OWN PARENTS ..... 1</p> <p>HIS FAMILY ..... 2</p> <p>HER FAMILY ..... 3</p> <p>WITH BOTH HIS AND HER RELATIVES ..... 4</p> <p>N/A NOT LIVING WITH PARTNER ..... 7</p> <p>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8</p> <p>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9</p> |      |
| 125 | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |      |
| 129 | <p>Did you have any kind of marriage ceremony to formalize the union? What type of ceremony did you have?</p> <p>MARK ALL THAT APPLY</p>                                                                                     | <p><b>NONE</b> ..... A</p> <p>CIVIL MARRIAGE ..... B</p> <p>RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE ..... C</p> <p>CUSTOMARY MARRIAGE ..... D</p> <p>OTHER: _____ X</p>                                                                                                                              | ⇒S.2 |

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| 130      | In what year was the (first) ceremony performed?<br>(THIS REFERS TO CURRENT/LAST RELATIONSHIP)                                                                                                                                         | YEAR .....[ ][ ][ ][ ]<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 9998<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9999                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |
| 131      | Did you yourself choose your <u>current/most recent</u> husband, did someone else choose him for you, or did he choose you?<br><br>IF SHE DID NOT CHOOSE HERSELF, PROBE:<br>Who chose your <u>current/most recent</u> husband for you? | <b>BOTH CHOSE</b> ..... 1<br><b>RESPONDENT CHOSE</b> ..... 2<br>RESPONDENT'S FAMILY CHOSE ..... 3<br>PARTNER CHOSE ..... 4<br>PARTNER'S FAMILY CHOSE ..... 5<br>OTHER: ..... 6<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                              | ⇒133*<br>⇒133* |
| 131<br>a | What was the reason that your <u>current/most recent husband</u> was chosen for you?<br><br>PROBE THE REASON THAT HER HUSBAND WAS CHOSEN FOR HER                                                                                       | ARRANGED MARRIAGE ..... 01<br>SWAPPING ARRANGMENT ..... 02<br>COMPENSATION PAYMENT ..... 03<br>BRIDE PRICE WAS PAID ..... 04<br>PASSED ON TO A MAN IN HER HUSBAND'S FAMILY DUE TO BRIDE PRICE (AFTER HER HUSBAND' DEATH) ..... 05<br>MARRIED TO THE MAN WHO RAPED HER ..... 06<br>SETTLEMENT FOR LAND DISPUTE ..... 07<br>OTHER: ..... 96<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99 |                |
| 132      | Were you forced to marry your <u>current/most recent husband</u> ?                                                                                                                                                                     | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |
| 133      | Did your marriage involve bride price payment?<br>IF NO, PROBE: Do you expect bride price to be paid in future?                                                                                                                        | YES ..... 1<br><b>NO</b> ..... 2<br><b>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER</b> ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ⇒S.2<br>⇒S.2   |
| 134      | Has all of the bride price been paid for, or does some part still remain to be paid?                                                                                                                                                   | ALL PAID ..... 1<br>PARTIALLY PAID..... 2<br>NONE PAID..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                |
| 135      | Do you think that the amount of bride price payment has had a positive impact on how you are treated by your husband and his family, a negative impact, or no particular impact?                                                       | POSITIVE IMPACT ..... 1<br>NEGATIVE IMPACT ..... 2<br>NO IMPACT ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |

## SECTION 2 GENERAL HEALTH

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| 201       | I would now like to ask a few questions about your health and use of health services.<br>Would you describe your overall health as excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor?                                                                                             | EXCELLENT .....1<br>GOOD .....2<br>FAIR .....3<br>POOR .....4<br>VERY POOR .....5<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                               |  |
| 201<br>a  | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 201<br>WG | The next questions ask about difficulties you may have doing certain activities because of a <b>health problem</b> .<br>Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?<br>IF YES: Do you have some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or you cannot do it at all? | NO – NO DIFFICULTY .....1<br>YES – SOME DIFFICULTY .....2<br>YES – A LOT OF DIFFICULTY .....3<br>CANNOT DO AT ALL .....4<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                            |  |
| 202<br>WG | Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?<br>IF YES: Do you have some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or you cannot do it at all?                                                                                                                    | NO – NO DIFFICULTY .....1<br>YES – SOME DIFFICULTY .....2<br>YES – A LOT OF DIFFICULTY .....3<br>CANNOT DO AT ALL .....4<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                            |  |
| 203<br>WG | Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?<br>IF YES: Do you have some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or you cannot do it at all?                                                                                                                               | NO – NO DIFFICULTY .....1<br>YES – SOME DIFFICULTY .....2<br>YES – A LOT OF DIFFICULTY .....3<br>CANNOT DO AT ALL .....4<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                            |  |
| 204<br>WG | Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?<br>IF YES: Do you have some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or you cannot do it at all?                                                                                                                            | NO – NO DIFFICULTY .....1<br>YES – SOME DIFFICULTY .....2<br>YES – A LOT OF DIFFICULTY .....3<br>CANNOT DO AT ALL .....4<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                            |  |
| 205<br>WG | Do you have difficulty (with self-care such as) was washing all over or dressing?<br>IF YES: Do you have some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or you cannot do it at all?                                                                                               | NO – NO DIFFICULTY .....1<br>YES – SOME DIFFICULTY .....2<br>YES – A LOT OF DIFFICULTY .....3<br>CANNOT DO AT ALL .....4<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                            |  |
| 206<br>WG | Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example, understanding or being understood?<br>IF YES: Do you have some difficulty, a lot of difficulty, or you cannot do it at all?                                                    | NO – NO DIFFICULTY .....1<br>YES – SOME DIFFICULTY .....2<br>YES – A LOT OF DIFFICULTY .....3<br>CANNOT DO AT ALL .....4<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                            |  |
| 202       | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 203       | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 204       | In the <u>past 4 weeks</u> have you been in pain or discomfort?<br>Please choose from the following 5 options.<br>Would you say not at all, slight pain or discomfort, moderate, severe or extreme pain or discomfort?                                                   | NO PAIN OR DISCOMFORT .....1<br>SLIGHT PAIN OR DISCOMFORT .....2<br>MODERATE PAIN OR DISCOMFORT .....3<br>SEVERE PAIN OR DISCOMFORT .....4<br>EXTREME PAIN OR DISCOMFORT .....5<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9 |  |
| 205       | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 206       | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 207       | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |





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| 215      | Have you <u>ever</u> smoked in your life? Did you ever smoke....<br>1. Daily? (smoking at least once a day)<br>2. Occasionally? (at least 100 cigarettes in your lifetime, but never daily)<br>3. Not at all? (not at all, or less than 100 cigarettes in your life time)                                                               | DAILY ..... 1<br>OCCASIONALLY..... 2<br>NOT AT ALL ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                |      |
| 216      | How often do you drink alcohol, home brew or kava?<br>Would you say:<br>1. Every day<br>2. Once or twice a week<br>3. Once or twice a month<br>4. Occasionally, about once or twice a year<br><br>5. Never/stopped more than a year ago                                                                                                 | EVERY DAY ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK ..... 2<br>ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH ..... 3<br>ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR ..... 4<br><br><b>NEVER</b> ..... <b>5</b><br><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9 | ⇒219 |
| 217      | On the days that you drank alcohol, home brew or kava in the <u>past 4 weeks</u> , about how many drinks did you usually have a day?                                                                                                                                                                                                    | USUAL NUMBER OF DRINKS .....[ ][ ]<br>NO DRINKS IN PAST 4 WEEKS..... 00                                                                                                                                                     |      |
| 217<br>a | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |      |
| 217<br>b | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |      |
| 218      | In the <u>past 12 months</u> , have you experienced any of the following problems, related to your drinking of alcohol, home brew or kava?<br>a) money problems<br>b) health problems<br>c) conflict with family, relatives or friends<br>d) problems with authorities (bar owner, police, chief, church leaders)<br>x) other, specify. | YES NO<br><br>a) MONEY PROBLEMS 1 2<br>b) HEALTH PROBLEMS 1 2<br>c) CONFLICT 1 2<br>d) PROBLEMS WITH AUTHORITIES 1 2<br>x) OTHER: _____ 1 2                                                                                 |      |
| 219      | Did you ever use drugs (e.g. marijuana, cannabis)?<br>Would you say:<br>1. Every day<br>2. Once or twice a week<br>3. Once or twice a month<br>4. Occasionally, about once or twice a year<br><br>5. Never/stopped more than a year ago                                                                                                 | EVERY DAY ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK ..... 2<br>ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH ..... 3<br>ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR ..... 4<br><br>NEVER ..... <b>5</b><br><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9        |      |

## SECTION 3 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

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|                                                                                                                                                               | Now I would like to ask about all of the children that you may have given birth to during your life.                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                       |
| 301                                                                                                                                                           | Have you ever given birth? How many children have you given birth to that were alive when they were born?<br>(INCLUDE BIRTHS WHERE THE BABY DIDN'T LIVE FOR LONG)                                                 | NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN..... [ ][ ]<br><b>IF 1 OR MORE</b> ⇒<br>NONE ..... 00                                                                                                              | ⇒302a                                 |
| 302                                                                                                                                                           | Have you ever been pregnant?                                                                                                                                                                                      | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>MAYBE/NOT SURE ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                       | ⇒302a<br>⇒310<br>⇒310<br>⇒310<br>⇒310 |
| 302<br>a                                                                                                                                                      | How old were you when you first became pregnant?                                                                                                                                                                  | AGE IN YEARS ..... [ ][ ]<br><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                                                           |                                       |
| 303                                                                                                                                                           | How many children do you have, who are alive now?<br>RECORD NUMBER                                                                                                                                                | CHILDREN ..... [ ][ ]<br>NONE ..... 00                                                                                                                                                     |                                       |
| 304                                                                                                                                                           | Have you ever given birth to a boy or a girl who was born alive, but later died? This could be at any age.<br>IF NO, PROBE: Any baby who cried or showed signs of life but survived for only a few hours or days? | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2                                                                                                                                                                  | ⇒307                                  |
| 305                                                                                                                                                           | a) How many sons have died?<br>a) How many daughters have died?<br>(THIS IS ABOUT ALL AGES)                                                                                                                       | a) SONS DEAD ..... [ ][ ]<br>b) DAUGHTERS DEAD ..... [ ][ ]<br>IF NONE ENTER '00'                                                                                                          |                                       |
| 306                                                                                                                                                           | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                       |
| 307                                                                                                                                                           | How many of your children receive financial support from their father(s)? Would you say none, some children or all children?<br><br>IF ONLY ONE CHILD AND SHE SAYS 'YES,' CODE '3' ('ALL').                       | NONE..... 1<br>SOME..... 2<br>ALL ..... 3<br>N/A ..... 7<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                  |                                       |
| 308                                                                                                                                                           | How many times have you been pregnant? Include pregnancies that did not end up in a live birth, and if you are pregnant now, your current pregnancy?<br>PROBE: How many pregnancies were with twins, triplets?    | a) <b>TOTAL</b> NO. OF PREGNANCIES..... [ ][ ]<br>b) PREGNANCIES WITH TWINS ..... [ ]<br>c) PREGNANCIES WITH TRIPLETS ..... [ ]                                                            |                                       |
| 309                                                                                                                                                           | Have you ever had a pregnancy that miscarried, or ended in a stillbirth?<br>PROBE: How many times did you miscarry, how many times did you have a stillbirth, and how many times did you abort?                   | a) MISCARRIAGES ..... [ ][ ]<br>b) STILLBIRTHS ..... [ ][ ]<br>c) ABORTIONS ..... [ ][ ]<br>IF NONE ENTER '00'                                                                             |                                       |
| 310                                                                                                                                                           | Are you pregnant now?                                                                                                                                                                                             | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>MAYBE ..... 3                                                                                                                                                 | ⇒ A<br>⇒ B<br>⇒ B                     |
| DO EITHER A OR B: IF PREGNANT NOW ==><br><br>IF NOT PREGNANT NOW ==><br><br>VERIFY THAT ADDITION ADDS UP TO THE SAME FIGURE. IF NOT, PROBE AGAIN AND CORRECT. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | A. [301] ____ + [309 a+b+c] ____ + 1 =<br>[308a] ____ + [308b] ____ + [ 2x308c] ____ = ____<br><br>B. [301] ____ + [309 a+b+c] ____ =<br>[308a] ____ + [308b] ____ + [ 2x308c] ____ = ____ |                                       |
| 311                                                                                                                                                           | Have you <u>ever</u> used anything, or tried in any way, to delay or avoid getting pregnant?                                                                                                                      | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br><b>NEVER HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE</b> . 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                      | ⇒315<br>⇒S.5                          |

| 312                      | Are you <u>currently</u> doing something, or using any method, to delay or avoid getting pregnant?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ⇒315                    |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
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| 313                      | What (main) method are you <u>currently</u> using?<br><br>IF MORE THAN ONE, ONLY MARK MAIN METHOD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PILL/TABLETS ..... 01<br>INJECTABLES ..... 02<br>IUD/LOOP ..... 03<br>FEMALE CONDOMS ..... 04<br>CALENDAR/MUCUS METHOD ..... 05<br>FEMALE STERILIZATION ..... 06<br>IMPLANTS (NORPLANT) ..... 07<br><br>CONDOMS ..... 08<br>MALE STERILIZATION/VASECTOMY .... 09<br>WITHDRAWAL ..... 10<br><br>HERBS ..... 11<br>OTHER: ..... 96<br><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 99                                                                       | ⇒315<br>⇒315<br>⇒315    |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 314                      | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 315                      | Has/did your current/most recent partner/husband ever refused to use a method or tried to stop you from using a method to avoid getting pregnant?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ⇒316a<br>⇒316a<br>⇒316a |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 316                      | How did he let you know that he disapproved of using methods to avoid getting pregnant?<br>PROBE: For example, by refusing to wear a condom, breaking the condom, throwing away your contraception, preventing you from getting contraception<br><br>MARK ALL THAT APPLY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | TOLD ME HE DID NOT APPROVE.....A<br>SHOUTED/GOT ANGRY .....B<br>THREATENED TO BEAT ME .....C<br>THREATENED TO LEAVE/THROW ME<br>OUT OF HOME .....D<br>BEAT ME/PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED.....E<br>TOOK OR DESTROYED METHOD..... F<br>TOLD HIS OR HER RELATIVES .....G<br>TOLD THE CHIEF .....H<br>THREATENED TO GET ANOTHER<br>WOMAN.....I<br>GOT ANOTHER WOMAN .....J<br>LEFT THE HOME TEMPORARILY .....K<br>THREATENED TO DESERT HER OR<br>DESERTED HER.....L<br><br>OTHER .....X |                         |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 316<br>a                 | Now, we are trying to understand women's experiences of forced pregnancy or termination of a pregnancy. Has any partner ever<br>a) prevented you from terminating a pregnancy, in a way that caused you fear, or in a way that you could not refuse?<br>b) Has any partner ever forced you to become pregnant when you did not want to, in a way that caused you fear, or in a way that you could not refuse?<br>c) Has any partner ever forced you to terminate a pregnancy when you did not want to, in a way that caused you fear, or in a way that you could not refuse? | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>YES</th><th>IF YES, IN<br/>LAST 12<br/>MONTHS</th><th>NO</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a) Prevented termination</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr> <td>b) Forced pregnancy</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr> <td>c) Forced termination</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> </tbody> </table>                                                                                                      |                         | YES | IF YES, IN<br>LAST 12<br>MONTHS | NO | a) Prevented termination | 1 | 2 | 3 | b) Forced pregnancy | 1 | 2 | 3 | c) Forced termination | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |
|                          | YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | IF YES, IN<br>LAST 12<br>MONTHS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | NO                      |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| a) Prevented termination | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3                       |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| b) Forced pregnancy      | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3                       |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| c) Forced termination    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3                       |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 317                      | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 317a                     | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 318                      | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 319                      | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |
| 320                      | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |     |                                 |    |                          |   |   |   |                     |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |  |

**BEFORE STARTING WITH SECTION 4:  
REVIEW RESPONSES AND MARK REPRODUCTIVE HISTORY ON REFERENCE SHEET, BOX B.**

## SECTION 4 CHILDREN

| CHECK:<br>Ref. Sheet, box B, point Q |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ANY LIVE BIRTHS<br>[ ]<br>↓                                                                                                                                                                      | NO LIVE BIRTHS<br>[ ] ⇒ | ⇒S.5         |
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| (s4bir)                              | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (2)                                                                                                                                                                                              |                         |              |
| 401                                  | I would like to ask about the last time that you gave birth (Live birth, regardless of whether the child is still alive or not). What is the date of birth of this child?                                                                                   | DAY .....[ ][ ]<br>MONTH .....[ ][ ]<br>YEAR .....[ ][ ][ ]                                                                                                                                      |                         |              |
| 402                                  | What name was given to your last born child?<br><br>Is (NAME) a boy or a girl?                                                                                                                                                                              | NAME: .....<br><br>BOY ..... 1<br>GIRL ..... 2                                                                                                                                                   |                         |              |
| 403                                  | Is your last born child (NAME) still alive?                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2                                                                                                                                                                        |                         | ⇒405         |
| 404                                  | How old was (NAME) at his/her last birthday?<br>RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS<br>CHECK AGE WITH BIRTH DATE                                                                                                                                                  | AGE IN YEARS .....[ ][ ]<br>IF NOT YET COMPLETED 1 YEAR .....00                                                                                                                                  |                         | ⇒406<br>⇒406 |
| 405                                  | How old was (NAME) when he/she died?                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | YEARS .....[ ][ ]<br>MONTHS (IF LESS THAN 1 YEAR) .....[ ][ ]<br>DAYS (IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH).....[ ][ ]                                                                                          |                         |              |
| 406                                  | CHECK IF DATE OF BIRTH OF LAST CHILD (IN Q401) IS MORE OR LESS THAN 5 YEARS AGO                                                                                                                                                                             | 5 OR MORE YEARS AGO..... 1<br>LESS THAN 5 YEARS AGO ..... 2                                                                                                                                      |                         | ⇒417         |
| 407                                  | I would like to ask you about your <u>last pregnancy</u> . At the time you became pregnant with this child (NAME), did you want to become pregnant then, did you want to wait until later, did you want no (more) children, or did you not mind either way? | BECOME PREGNANT THEN ..... 1<br>WAIT UNTIL LATER ..... 2<br>NOT WANT CHILDREN ..... 3<br>NOT MIND EITHER WAY ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9           |                         |              |
| 408                                  | At the time you became pregnant with this child (NAME), did your husband/partner want you to become pregnant then, did he want to wait until later, did he want no (more) children at all, or did he not mind either way?                                   | BECOME PREGNANT THEN ..... 1<br>WAIT UNTIL LATER ..... 2<br>NOT WANT CHILDREN ..... 3<br>NOT MIND EITHER WAY ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9           |                         |              |
| 409                                  | When you were pregnant with this child (NAME), did you see anyone for an antenatal check?<br>IF YES: Whom did you see?<br>Anyone else?<br><br>MARK ALL THAT APPLY                                                                                           | NO ONE ..... A<br><br>DOCTOR ..... B<br>OBSTETRICIAN/GYNAECOLOGIST ..... C<br>NURSE/MIDWIFE ..... D<br>AID POST WORKER ..... E<br>TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANT ..... F<br>OTHER: .....<br>..... X |                         |              |
| 410                                  | Did your husband/partner stop you, encourage you, or have no interest in whether you received antenatal care for your pregnancy?                                                                                                                            | STOP ..... 1<br>ENCOURAGE ..... 2<br>NO INTEREST ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                       |                         |              |
| 411                                  | When you were pregnant with this child, did your husband/partner have preference for a son, a daughter or did it not matter to him whether it was a boy or a girl?                                                                                          | SON ..... 1<br>DAUGHTER ..... 2<br>DID NOT MATTER ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                      |                         |              |
| 412                                  | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |              |
| 413                                  | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |              |

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| 414 | Were you given a (postnatal) check-up at any time during the 6 weeks after delivery?                                        | YES.....1<br>NO.....2<br>NO, CHILD NOT YET SIX WEEKS OLD .....3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9 |             |
| 415 | REMOVED                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               |             |
| 416 | REMOVED                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               |             |
| 417 | Do you have any children aged between <u>6</u> and <u>14</u> years? How many? (include 6-year-old and 14-year-old children) | NUMBER .....[ ][ ]<br><b>NONE</b> ..... <b>00</b>                                                                             | <b>⇒S.5</b> |
| 418 | REMOVED                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               |             |
| 419 | REMOVED                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               |             |
| 420 | Do any of these children (ages 6-14 years):                                                                                 | YES NO DK                                                                                                                     |             |
|     | a) Have nightmares often?                                                                                                   | a) NIGHTMARES 1 2 8                                                                                                           |             |
|     | b) REMOVED                                                                                                                  | b) REMOVED 1 2 8                                                                                                              |             |
|     | c) Wet their bed often?                                                                                                     | c) WET BED 1 2 8                                                                                                              |             |
|     | d) Are any of these children very quiet or withdrawn, or find it difficult to talk to or play with other children?          | d) QUIET/ALONE 1 2 8                                                                                                          |             |
|     | e) Are any of them aggressive with you or other children?                                                                   | e) AGGRESSIVE 1 2 8                                                                                                           |             |
| 421 | Of these children (ages 6-14 years), how many of your boys and how many of your girls have ever run away from home?         | a) NUMBER OF BOYS RUN AWAY ..... [ ]<br>b) NUMBER OF GIRLS RUN AWAY ..... [ ]<br>IF NONE ENTER '0'                            |             |
| 422 | REMOVED                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                               |             |
| 423 | Have any of these children had to repeat (failed) a year at school?<br><br>MAKE SURE ONLY CHILDREN AGED 6-14 YEARS.         | YES.....1<br>NO.....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9                                           |             |
| 424 | Have any of these children stopped school for a while or dropped out of school?<br>MAKE SURE ONLY CHILDREN AGED 6-14 YEARS. | YES.....1<br>NO.....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9                                           |             |





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| 508      | What kind of work does/did he normally do?<br><br>SPECIFY KIND OF WORK FOR EACH ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | PROFESSIONAL: _____ .01<br>OWN BUSINESS: _____ .02<br>LABOURER: _____ .03<br>MILITARY/POLICE: _____ .04<br>SELF EMPLOYED: _____ .05<br>(agriculture, fishing, forestry, carving, vending, sewing)<br>CIVIL SERVANT: _____ .06<br>(national, provincial, area)<br>POLITICIAN: _____ .07<br>OVERSEAS WORK OR STUDY: _____ .08<br>OTHER: _____ .96<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....99 |       |
| 509      | How often does/did your husband drink alcohol, home brew or kava?<br>1. Every day<br>2. Once or twice a week<br>3. Once or twice a month<br>4. Occasionally, about once or twice a year<br>5. Never                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | EVERY DAY .....1<br>ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK .....2<br>ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH .....3<br>ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR .....4<br>NEVER .....5<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ⇒512  |
| 510      | In the <u>past 12 months</u> (In the <u>last 12 months of your last relationship</u> ), how often have you seen (did you see) your husband/partner drunk on alcohol, home brew or kava?<br>Would you say most days, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year, or never?                                                                                                                                    | MOST DAYS ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK ..... 2<br>ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH ..... 3<br>ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR ..... 4<br>NEVER ..... 5<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |
| 511      | In the <u>past 12 months</u> (In the <u>last 12 months</u> of your relationship), have you experienced any of the following problems, related to your husband/partner's drinking of alcohol, home brew or kava?<br>a) Money problems<br>b) Family problems, such as damage to property, quarrelling, threats to her/children/relatives/others, going with another woman, loss of job, his health<br>x) Any other problems, specify. | YES NO<br><br>a) MONEY PROBLEMS 1 2<br>b) FAMILY PROBLEMS 1 2<br>x) OTHER: _____ 1 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       |
| 511<br>a | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |
| 511<br>b | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |
| 511<br>c | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |
| 512      | Does/did your husband/partner ever use drugs (such as marijuana/cannabis or any other drug)? Would you say:<br>1. Every day<br>2. Once or twice a week<br>3. Once or twice a month<br>4. Occasionally, about once or twice a year<br>5. Never<br><br>IF YES, PROBE: What kind of drug?                                                                                                                                              | EVERY DAY .....1<br>ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK .....2<br>ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH.....3<br>ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR.....4<br>NEVER .....5<br>IN THE PAST, NOT NOW .....6<br>TYPE OF DRUG _____<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9                                                                                                                                                                | ⇒512a |

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| 512<br>aa | In the <u>past 12 months</u> (In the <u>last 12 months</u> of your relationship), have you experienced any of the following problems, related to your husband/partner's use of marijuana/cannabis or any other drug?<br>a) Money problems<br>c) Family problems, such as damage to property, quarrelling, threats to her/children/relatives/others, going with another woman, loss of job, his health<br>x) Any other problems, specify. | YES<br>NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | a) MONEY PROBLEMS 1 2<br>b) FAMILY PROBLEMS 1 2<br>x) OTHER: 1 2                                                                                                                                                               |                |
| 512<br>a  | How often does/did your husband gamble?<br>1. Every day<br>2. Once or twice a week<br>3. Once or twice a month<br>4. Occasionally, about once or twice a year<br>5. Never                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | EVERY DAY .....1<br>ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK .....2<br>ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH .....3<br>ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR .....4<br>NEVER .....5<br>IN THE PAST, NOT NOW .....6<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9 | ⇒513           |
| 512<br>b  | In the <u>past 12 months</u> (In the <u>last 12 months</u> of your relationship), have you experienced any of the following problems, related to your husband/partner's gambling?<br>b) Money problems<br>d) Family problems, such as damage to property, quarrelling, threats to her/children/relatives/others, going with another woman, loss of job, his health<br>y) Any other problems, specify.                                    | YES<br>NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | a) MONEY PROBLEMS 1 2<br>b) FAMILY PROBLEMS 1 2<br>x) OTHER: 1 2                                                                                                                                                               |                |
| 513       | Since you have known him, has he ever been involved in a physical fight with another man?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                                                                       | ⇒515<br>⇒515   |
| 514       | In the <u>past 12 months</u> (In the <u>last 12 months</u> of the relationship), has this happened never, once or twice, a few times or many times?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NEVER (IN PAST 12 MONTHS) .....1<br>ONCE OR TWICE .....2<br>A FEW (3-5) TIMES .....3<br>MANY (MORE THAN 5) TIMES .....4<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                       |                |
| 515       | Has your <u>current/most recent</u> husband/partner had a relationship with any other women while being with you?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>MAY HAVE .....3<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                                                    | ⇒1008<br>⇒1008 |
| 516       | Has your <u>current/most recent</u> husband/partner had children with any other woman while being with you?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>MAY HAVE .....3<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                                                    |                |
| 1008      | As far as you know, was your (most recent) partner's mother hit or beaten by her husband?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>MAY HAVE .....3<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                                                    | ⇒1010<br>⇒1010 |
| 1009      | Did your (most recent) husband/partner see or hear this violence?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>MAY HAVE .....3<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                                                    |                |
| 1010      | As far as you know, was your (most recent) husband/partner himself hit or beaten regularly by someone in his family?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>MAY HAVE .....3<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                                                                                                    |                |

## SECTION 6 ATTITUDES

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|                        | In this community and everywhere, people have different ideas about families and what is acceptable behaviour for men and women in the home. I am going to read you a list of statements, and I would like you to tell me whether you generally agree or disagree with the statement. I am interested in your opinion, not community opinions. There are no right or wrong answers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 601                    | A good wife/partner obeys her husband/partner even if she disagrees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 602                    | Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 603                    | It is important for a man to show his wife/partner that he is the boss                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 604                    | A woman should be able to choose her own friends even if her husband/partner disapproves                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 605                    | It's a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner even if she doesn't feel like it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 606                    | If a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside of the family should intervene                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 606 a                  | A woman or girl should not touch food when she has her monthly period/menstruation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 606 b                  | It is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 606 c                  | If bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | AGREE..... 1<br>DISAGREE ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |     |    |    |              |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |                        |   |   |   |  |
| 607                    | In your opinion, does a man have a good reason to hit his wife/partner if:<br>a) She does not complete her household work to his satisfaction<br>b) She disobeys him<br>c) She refuses to have sexual relations with him<br>d) She asks him whether he has other girlfriends<br>e) He suspects that she is unfaithful<br>f) He finds out that she has been unfaithful<br>g) Brideprice HAS NOT been paid<br>h) Brideprice HAS been paid<br>i) She is living in his house or on his land<br>j) He thinks she needs to be disciplined, taught a lesson or educated<br>k) She is unable to get pregnant | <table><tr><td></td><td>YES</td><td>NO</td><td>DK</td></tr><tr><td>a) HOUSEHOLD</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>b) DISOBEYS</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>c) NO SEX</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>d) GIRLFRIENDS</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>e) SUSPECTS</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>f) UNFAITHFUL</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>g) NOT PAID</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>h) BRIDEPRICE PAID</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>i) HIS HOUSE/LAND</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>j) DISCIPLINE/TEACHING</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>k) NOT PREGNANT/BARREN</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>8</td></tr></table> |    | YES | NO | DK | a) HOUSEHOLD | 1 | 2 | 8 | b) DISOBEYS | 1 | 2 | 8 | c) NO SEX | 1 | 2 | 8 | d) GIRLFRIENDS | 1 | 2 | 8 | e) SUSPECTS | 1 | 2 | 8 | f) UNFAITHFUL | 1 | 2 | 8 | g) NOT PAID | 1 | 2 | 8 | h) BRIDEPRICE PAID | 1 | 2 | 8 | i) HIS HOUSE/LAND | 1 | 2 | 8 | j) DISCIPLINE/TEACHING | 1 | 2 | 8 | k) NOT PREGNANT/BARREN | 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
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| 608                         | In your opinion, can a married woman refuse to have sex with her husband if: |                 | YES | NO | DK |
|                             | a) She doesn't want to                                                       | a) NOT WANT     | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | b) He is drunk                                                               | b) DRUNK        | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | c) She is sick                                                               | c) SICK         | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | d) He mistreats her                                                          | d) MISTREAT     | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | e) If she suspects/knows that he is HIV+                                     | e) HIV+         | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | f) She suspects/knows he has an STI                                          | f) STI          | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | g) He has sex with other women                                               | g) OTHER WOMEN  | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | h) He has sex with men                                                       | h) SEX WITH MEN | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | i) She does not want to get pregnant                                         | i) PREGNANT     | 1   | 2  | 8  |
|                             | j) Brideprice HAS NOT been paid                                              | j) NOT PAID     | 1   | 2  | 8  |
| k) Brideprice HAS been paid | k) BRIDEPRICE                                                                | 1               | 2   | 8  |    |

## SECTION 7 RESPONDENT AND HER PARTNER

| <b>CHECK:</b><br>Ref. sheet, Box A<br><br>(s7mar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>EVER MARRIED/EVER LIVING WITH A MAN/MALE SEXUAL PARTNER</b><br>(Options K, L, M) [ ]<br>↓<br>(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>NEVER MARRIED/NEVER LIVED WITH A MAN/NEVER MALE SEXUAL PARTNER</b><br>(Option N) [ ] ⇒<br>(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ⇒S.10 |                                                                          |    |    |                                                                          |   |   |   |             |   |     |    |                   |   |   |   |                |   |                   |   |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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| When two people marry or live together, they usually share both good and bad moments. I would now like to ask you some questions about your current and past relationships and how your husband/partner treats (treated) you. If anyone interrupts us I will change the topic of conversation. I would again like to assure you that your answers will be kept secret, and that you do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to. May I continue? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       |                                                                          |    |    |                                                                          |   |   |   |             |   |     |    |                   |   |   |   |                |   |                   |   |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 701                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | In general, do (did) you and your ( <u>current or most recent</u> ) husband/partner discuss the following topics together:<br>a) Things that have happened to him in the day<br>b) Things that happen to you during the day<br>c) Your worries or feelings<br>d) His worries or feelings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>YES</th> <th>NO</th> <th>DK</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a) HIS DAY</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) YOUR DAY</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) YOUR WORRIES</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d) HIS WORRIES</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       | YES                                                                      | NO | DK | a) HIS DAY                                                               | 1 | 2 | 8 | b) YOUR DAY | 1 | 2   | 8  | c) YOUR WORRIES   | 1 | 2 | 8 | d) HIS WORRIES | 1 | 2                 | 8 |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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| 703                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | I am now going to ask you about some situations that are true for many women. Thinking about your ( <u>current or most recent</u> ) or any husband/partner, would you say it is generally true that he:<br>a) Tries to keep you from seeing your friends<br>b) Tries to restrict contact with your family of birth<br>c) Insists on knowing where you are at all times<br>d) Ignores you and treats you indifferently<br>e) Gets angry if you speak with another man<br>f) Is often suspicious that you are unfaithful<br>g) Expects you to ask his permission before seeking health care for yourself<br>h) Expects you to ask his permission before you do anything | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>A)</th> <th>YES</th> <th>NO</th> <th>DK</th> <th colspan="2">B) ONLY ASK IF 'YES' IN 703A<br/>Has this happened in the past 12 months?</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>YES</th> <th>NO</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a) SEEING FRIENDS</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) CONTACT FAMILY</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) WANTS TO KNOW</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d) IGNORES YOU</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e) GETS ANGRY</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>f) SUSPICIOUS</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>g) HEALTH CARE</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>h) DO ANYTHING</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | A)    | YES                                                                      | NO | DK | B) ONLY ASK IF 'YES' IN 703A<br>Has this happened in the past 12 months? |   |   |   |             |   | YES | NO | a) SEEING FRIENDS | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1              | 2 | b) CONTACT FAMILY | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | c) WANTS TO KNOW | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | d) IGNORES YOU | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | e) GETS ANGRY | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | f) SUSPICIOUS | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | g) HEALTH CARE | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | h) DO ANYTHING | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 |  |
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| <b>CHECK:</b><br>Question 703                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>MARK WHEN YES FOR ANY ACT (AT LEAST ONE "1" CIRCLED IN COLUMN A)</b><br>[ ]<br>↓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>MARK WHEN ALL ANSWERS NO CIRCLED (ONLY "2" CIRCLED IN COLUMN A)</b><br>[ ]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ⇒704  |                                                                          |    |    |                                                                          |   |   |   |             |   |     |    |                   |   |   |   |                |   |                   |   |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 703 k                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Who did the things you just mentioned? (MENTION ACTS REPORTED IN 703)<br>Was it your <u>current or most recent</u> husband/partner, any other husband or partner that you may have had before, or both?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | CURRENT/MOST RECENT HUSBAND/ PARTNER... 1<br>PREVIOUS HUSBAND/PARTNER ..... 2<br>BOTH ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |       |                                                                          |    |    |                                                                          |   |   |   |             |   |     |    |                   |   |   |   |                |   |                   |   |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |                |   |   |   |   |   |  |



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| 704                        | <p>The next questions are about things that happen to many women, and that your current partner, or any other partner may have done to you.</p> <p>Has your <u>current</u> husband/partner, or <u>any</u> other <u>partner</u> ever....</p> | <p>A) (If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)</p> <p>YES NO</p>                                                                                     | <p>B) Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u>? (If YES ask C only. If NO ask D only)</p> <p>YES NO</p> | <p>C) <u>In the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times? (after answering C, go to next item)</p> <p>One Few Many</p> | <p>D) <u>Before the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?</p> <p>No One Few Many</p> |
|                            | a) Insulted you or made you feel bad about yourself?                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | b) Belittled or humiliated you in front of your parents or family?                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | c) Belittled or humiliated you in front of other people?                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | d) Done things to scare or intimidate you on purpose (e.g. by the way he looked at you, by yelling and smashing things)?                                                                                                                    | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | e) Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about?                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
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| 704 f                      | Who did the things you just mentioned? (MENTION ACTS REPORTED IN 704)<br>Was it your <u>current</u> or <u>most recent</u> husband/partner, any other husband or partner that you may have had before, or both?                              | CURRENT/MOST RECENT HUSBAND/ PARTNER... 1<br>PREVIOUS HUSBAND/PARTNER ..... 2<br>BOTH ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9 |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                         |
| 705                        | <p>Has <u>he</u> or any other <u>partner</u> ever....</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>A) (If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)</p> <p>YES NO</p>                                                                                     | <p>B) Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u>? (If YES ask C only. If NO ask D only)</p> <p>YES NO</p> | <p>C) <u>In the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times? (after answering C, go to next item)</p> <p>One Few Many</p> | <p>D) <u>Before the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?</p> <p>No One Few Many</p> |
|                            | a) Slapped you or thrown something at you that could hurt you?                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | b) Pushed you or shoved you or pulled your hair?                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | c) Hit you with his fist or with something else that could hurt you?                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | d) Kicked you, dragged you or beaten you up?                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | e) Choked or burnt you on purpose?                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | f) Threatened to use a gun, knife, wood, iron, axe or other weapon against you?                                                                                                                                                             | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | g) Actually used a gun, knife, wood, iron, axe or other weapon against you?                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 2                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                           | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                 | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>CHECK: Question 705</b> | <b>MARK WHEN YES FOR ANY ACT (AT LEAST ONE "1" CIRCLED IN COLUMN A)</b><br>[ ]<br>↓                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                               | <b>MARK WHEN ALL ANSWERS NO CIRCLED (ONLY "2" CIRCLED IN COLUMN A)</b><br>[ ]<br>⇒706                         |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                         |

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| 705<br>h                          | Who did the things you just mentioned? (MENTION ACTIONS REPORTED IN 705). Was it your current or most recent husband/partner, any other partner that you may have had before, or both?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CURRENT/MOST RECENT PARTNER.....1<br>PREVIOUS PARTNER.....2<br>BOTH.....3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9 |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| 706                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>A)<br/>(If YES continue with B. If NO skip to next item)</b><br><br><div>YES NO</div>                                                  | <b>B)<br/>Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u>?<br/>(If YES ask C only. If NO ask D only)</b><br><br><div>YES NO</div> | <b>C)<br/><u>In the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times? (after answering C, go to next item)</b><br><br><div>One Few Many</div> | <b>D)<br/><u>Before the past 12 months</u> would you say that this has happened once, a few times or many times?</b><br><br><div>No One Few Many</div> |
|                                   | a) Did <u>your current husband/partner or any other partner</u> ever physically force you to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to, for example by threatening you or holding you down? (IF NECESSARY: by sexual intercourse, we mean vaginal, oral or anal penetration)                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 2                                                                                                                                       | 1 2                                                                                                                              | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                                | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                |
|                                   | b) Did you ever have sexual intercourse when you did not want to because you were afraid of what your partner or any other partner might do?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 2                                                                                                                                       | 1 2                                                                                                                              | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                                | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                |
|                                   | c) Did your partner or any other partner ever forced you to do something sexual that you found degrading or humiliating?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 2                                                                                                                                       | 1 2                                                                                                                              | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                                | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                |
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| 706<br>d                          | Who did the things you just mentioned? (MENTION ACTIONS REPORTED IN 706). Was it your current or most recent husband/partner, by any other partner that you may have had before, or both?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CURRENT/MOST RECENT PARTNER.....1<br>PREVIOUS PARTNER.....2<br>BOTH.....3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9 |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
| 707                               | VERIFY WHETHER ANSWERED YES TO ANY QUESTION ON PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, <b>SEE QUESTION 705</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | YES, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ..... 1<br>NO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ..... 2                                                                            |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>MARK IN BOX C</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| 708                               | VERIFY WHETHER ANSWERED YES TO ANY QUESTION ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE, <b>SEE QUESTION 706</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | YES, SEXUAL VIOLENCE ..... 1<br>NO SEXUAL VIOLENCE ..... 2                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>MARK IN BOX C</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>CHECK FOR EMERG QUESTIONS:</b> | <b>IF YES TO QUESTIONS 707 OR 708 (ANY ACT OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN 705 OR 706)</b><br>↓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>IF NO TO QUESTIONS 707 AND 708 (NO ACT OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN 705 OR 706) ⇒</b>                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>⇒ 708a</b>                                                                                                                                          |
|                                   | I would now like to ask you about how disasters and emergencies have affected the way your (last) husband/partner treated you. By disaster or emergency, I mean tropical cyclones, floods, droughts, or volcano eruptions that you lived through, together with your (last) husband/partner. I am going to ask about things that may have occurred <u>during</u> the disaster and emergency, and <u>immediately after</u> this when you were still recovering from it. |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |

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| E001 | <p>Have you and your (most recent) husband/partner been together during any of the disasters or emergencies that have happened in Vanuatu?</p> <p>a) IF YES: When was the first time this happened? IF SHE IS NOT SURE, REFER TO LIST OF TROPICAL CYCLONES OR ASK: Can you estimate what year?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>YES.....1<br/> NO.....2<br/> DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br/> REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9</p> <p>YEAR OF FIRST DISASTER [ ][ ][ ][ ]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>⇒ 708a<br/> ⇒ 708a<br/> ⇒ 708a</p>                                          |
| E002 | <p>What type of disaster or emergency was it, that you and your husband/partner first faced together?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>TROPICAL CYCLONE .....1<br/> FLOOD .....2<br/> DROUGHT .....3<br/> VOLCANO .....4<br/> OTHER (SPECIFY) .....5<br/> DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br/> REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9</p>                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                |
| E003 | <p>You told me before about some ways that your husband has treated you. (REFER TO SPECIFIC ACTIONS THE RESPONDENT MENTIONED IN QUESTIONS 705 AND 706.)</p> <p>Thinking about his behaviour during this first disaster or emergency, which of the following statements best describes the way he treated you?</p> <p><b>READ ALL OPTIONS FIRST, MARK ONLY ONE OPTION</b></p> <p>a) None of this behaviour happened during or immediately after the first disaster. It had already completely stopped before the disaster.</p> <p>b) He did this already before the disaster, but it was less during the disaster and recovery.</p> <p>c) He did this already before the disaster, and it was much the same during the disaster and recovery.</p> <p>d) He did this already before the disaster, and it got worse during the disaster and the recovery (it was more often, or more severe).</p> <p>e) Before the disaster, he did not do any of the things we just talked about, but it started during the disaster or the recovery.</p> <p>f) He started doing these things after the first disaster.</p> | <p>a) DID NOT HAPPEN OR COMPLETELY STOPPED BEFORE DISASTER .....1<br/> b) LESS DURING THE DISASTER .....2<br/> c) SAME DURING THE DISASTER .....3<br/> d) WORSE DURING THE DISASTER .....4<br/> e) STARTED DURING THE DISASTER .....5<br/> f) STARTED AFTER THE FIRST DISASTER ...6<br/> DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br/> REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9</p> | <p>⇒708a<br/> ⇒E004<br/> ⇒E004<br/> ⇒E004<br/> ⇒E004<br/> ⇒E004<br/> ⇒E004</p> |
| E004 | <p>a) How many disasters have you lived through with your (last) husband/partner?<br/> IF SHE IS NOT SURE: Can you estimate how many?</p> <p>b) Has he treated you this way during no disasters, one disaster, some disasters, or all the disasters you have been through together?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>a) NUMBER OF DISASTERS TOGETHER [ ][ ]</p> <p>b) NONE .....1<br/> ONE DISASTER .....2<br/> SOME .....3<br/> ALL.....4<br/> DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br/> REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9</p>                                                                                                                                                            | <p>⇒708a</p>                                                                   |
| E005 | <p>Have you gone to any official agencies for help during the disaster or immediately afterwards, because of the way he treated you, such as the police, health services, Vanuatu Women's Centre or any other official agency?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>YES.....1<br/> NO.....2<br/> DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER .....8<br/> REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>⇒708a<br/> ⇒E006<br/> ⇒708a<br/> ⇒708a</p>                                  |

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| E006                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Why didn't you seek help from any official agencies for the way he treated you, during the disaster or immediately after during the recovery?<br>MARK ALL REASONS MENTIONED                                                                     | NO SERVICES AVAILABLE .....A<br>COULD NOT REACH SERVICES .....B<br>DISASTER/RECOVERY MORE IMPORTANT/NO TIME TO GET HELP .....C<br>DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO .....D<br>FEARFUL OF MORE VIOLENCE .....E<br>OTHER (SPECIFY) .....X |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 708a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Are you afraid of your <u>current/most recent</u> husband or partner (in the present)? Would you say never, sometimes, most/all of the time?<br>MAKE SURE YOU REFER TO HER SITUATION NOWADAYS EVEN IF SHE IS NO LONGER WITH HER HUSBAND/PARTNER | NEVER..... 1<br>SOMETIMES..... 2<br>MOST/ALL OF THE TIME..... 3<br>IN THE PAST (NO LONGER AFRAID NOW).. 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                    |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 905                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Have you ever hit or beaten your husband/partner when he was not hitting or beating you?<br>IF YES: How often? Would you say once or twice, sometimes or many times?                                                                            | NEVER ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2<br>SOMETIMES ..... 3<br>MANY TIMES ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                           |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
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| 709                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | You said that you have been pregnant TOTAL times.<br>Were you ever slapped, hit, beaten, punched, kicked or hit/beaten with anything by ( <u>any</u> of) your partner(s) while you were pregnant?                                               | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                   | ⇒ CHECK<br>REF FOR<br>Q 716                                   |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 710                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | IF RESPONDENT WAS PREGNANT ONLY ONCE, ENTER "01"<br><br>IF RESPONDENT WAS PREGNANT MORE THAN ONCE: Did this happen in one pregnancy, or more than one pregnancy? In how many pregnancies were you beaten?                                       | NUMBER OF PREGNANCIES BEATEN ..[ ][ ]                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 710<br>a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Did this happen in the <u>last</u> pregnancy?<br><br>IF RESPONDENT WAS PREGNANT ONLY ONCE, CIRCLE CODE '1'.                                                                                                                                     | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 711                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Were you ever slapped, hit, beaten, punched or kicked in the stomach while you were pregnant (or hit with any other thing in the stomach, such as wood, iron or pipe)?                                                                          | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 711<br>a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Has anyone ever penetrated your vagina against your will with their hand or an object when you were pregnant, in order to harm you or your baby?                                                                                                | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| IF VIOLENCE REPORTED IN MORE THAN ONE PREGNANCY, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REFER TO THE LAST/MOST RECENT PREGNANCY IN WHICH VIOLENCE REPORTED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 712                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | During the <u>most recent pregnancy in which you were beaten</u> , was the person who slapped, hit, punched, kicked or beat you (with any object) the father of the child?                                                                      | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW /DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                    |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |
| 713                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Were you living with this person when it happened?                                                                                                                                                                                              | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |                                    |          |                               |                                                               |           |                                  |           |                                |  |                           |

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| 714                                           | Had the same person also done this you before you were pregnant?                                                                                                                                                                                                             | YES ..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                        | ⇒<br><b>CHECK<br/>REF FOR<br/>Q 716</b>                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 715                                           | Compared to before you were pregnant, did the slapping/beating (REFER TO RESPONDENT'S PREVIOUS ANSWERS) get less, stay about the same, or get worse while you were pregnant? By worse I mean, more frequent or more severe.                                                  | GOT LESS.....1<br>STAYED ABOUT THE SAME.....2<br>GOT WORSE ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9 |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>CHECK FOR 716:</b><br>Ref. sheet,<br>Box D |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>USED ELECTONIC DEVICE OR SOCIAL MEDIA<br/>(OPTION W)</b><br>[ ]<br>↓                                                            |                                                                                                                            | <b>NEVER USED</b><br>[ ] ⇒                                                                                                                                                          | ⇒ S.8                                                                                                                                               |
| 716                                           | The next questions are about things that happen to many women, relating to the use of phones, laptops, computers, tablets, internet and social media use (such as Facebook, Viber, BIP, IMO, WhatsApp, Instagram, Messenger, Snapchat, Skype, or Telegram).                  |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 717                                           | Has your <u>current</u> husband/partner, or <u>any</u> other <u>partner</u> ever....                                                                                                                                                                                         | A)<br>(If YES<br>continue<br>with B.<br>If NO skip<br>to next<br>item)<br><br>YES NO                                               | B)<br>Has this<br>happened <u>in the<br/>past 12 months</u> ?<br>(If YES ask C<br>only. If NO ask<br>D only)<br><br>YES NO | C)<br><u>In the past 12 months</u><br>would you say that<br>this has happened<br>once, a few times or<br>many times? (after<br>answering C, go to<br>next item)<br><br>One Few Many | D)<br><u>Before the past 12<br/>months</u> would you<br>say that this has<br>happened once, a<br>few times or many<br>times?<br><br>No One Few Many |
|                                               | a) Restricted your access to your phone, any other internet device (such as laptop or computer or tablet) or restricted your access to any internet or social media sites (such as Facebook, Viber, BIP, IMO, WhatsApp, Instagram, Messenger, Snapchat, Skype, or Telegram)? | 1 2                                                                                                                                | 1 2                                                                                                                        | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                             |
|                                               | b) Asked you to perform any sexual acts on the phone or another device that you did not want, including while recording you?                                                                                                                                                 | 1 2                                                                                                                                | 1 2                                                                                                                        | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                             |
|                                               | c) Sent you messages or images, or made you watch something on a phone or any device of a sexual nature that you did not want (either of himself, or other women or men)?                                                                                                    | 1 2                                                                                                                                | 1 2                                                                                                                        | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                             |
|                                               | d) Asked you to send any messages or images of a sexual nature that you did not want?                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 2                                                                                                                                | 1 2                                                                                                                        | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                             |
|                                               | e) Threatened to share private or sexual images of you on Facebook or any social media site, or actually did share them without your permission?                                                                                                                             | 1 2                                                                                                                                | 1 2                                                                                                                        | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                             |
|                                               | f) Monitored your phone or other devices to track your movements, who you talk to, or where you go?                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 2                                                                                                                                | 1 2                                                                                                                        | 1 2 3                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 1 2 3                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>CHECK:<br/>Question<br/>717</b>            | <b>MARK WHEN YES FOR ANY ACT (AT<br/>LEAST ONE "1" CIRCLED IN COLUMN A)</b><br>[ ]<br>↓                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>MARK WHEN ALL ANSWERS NO CIRCLED<br/>(ONLY "2" CIRCLED IN COLUMN A)</b><br>[ ]                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                     | ⇒S.8                                                                                                                                                |
| 718                                           | Was your husband/partner working or studying overseas when any of these things happened?                                                                                                                                                                                     | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9                                              |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 719 | Were you working or studying overseas when any of these things happened?                                                                                                    | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9 |  |
| 720 | When these things happened, did your partner ever threaten to leave you, withhold money, take your children away or spread rumours about you if you did not do as he asked? | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9 |  |



## SECTION 8 INJURIES

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| <b>CHECK:</b><br><b>Ref. sheet Box C</b><br><br><i>(S8phsex)</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>WOMAN EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b><br><br><b>(“YES” TO Option U or V)</b> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br/> ↓ </div> <i>(1)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>WOMAN HAS NOT EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE (“NO” to BOTH Option U and V)</b><br><br><div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ </div> <i>(2)</i> |       | ⇒S.10 |  |
|                                                                  | I would now like to learn more about the injuries that you experienced from (any of) your partner’s actions that we have talked about (MAY NEED TO REFER TO SPECIFIC ACTIONS RESPONDENT MENTIONED IN SECTION 7). By injury, I mean any form of physical harm, including cuts, sprains, burns, broken bones or broken teeth, or other things like this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |       |  |
| 801                                                              | Have you <u>ever</u> been injured as a result of these actions by (any of) your husband/partner(s). Please think of the actions that we talked about before.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON’T KNOW/DON’T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ⇒804a |       |  |
| 802 a                                                            | <u>In your life</u> , how many times were you injured by (any of) your husband(s)/partner(s)?<br>Would you say once or twice, several times (3 to 5 times) or many times?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ONCE/TWICE .....1<br>SEVERAL (3-5) TIMES .....2<br>MANY (MORE THAN 5) TIMES .....3<br>DON’T KNOW/DON’T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |       |  |
| 802 b                                                            | Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u> ?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON’T KNOW/DON’T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |       |  |
| 803 a                                                            | What type of injury did you have?<br>Please mention any injury due to (any of) your husband/partners actions, no matter how long ago it happened.<br><br>MARK ALL MENTIONED<br><br>PROBE:<br>Any other injury?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | SMALL CUTS, PUNCTURES, BITES .....A<br>SCRATCH, ABRASION, BRUISES .....B<br>SPRAINS, DISLOCATIONS.....C<br>BURNS.....D<br>PENETRATING INJURY, DEEP CUTS, GASHES .....E<br>BROKEN EARDRUM, EYE INJURIES .....F<br>FRACTURES, BROKEN BONES.....G<br>BROKEN TEETH .....H<br>INTERNAL INJURIES FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE .....I<br>INTERNAL INJURY REQUIRING SPLEEN TO BE REMOVED .....J<br>OTHER INTERNAL INJURIES .....K<br>OTHER (specify): .....X | b) ONLY ASK FOR RESPONSES MARKED IN 803a:<br>Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u> ?<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> YES NO DK </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 1 2 8 </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |       |  |
| 803 c                                                            | Have you got any <u>permanent disability</u> from any of your injuries? Please mention any permanent disability due to (any of) your husband/partners actions, no matter how long ago it happened.<br><br>PROBE: IF YES, WHAT TYPE OF DISABILITY? for example difficulties hearing, difficulties seeing, difficulties walking or climbing steps, difficulties speaking/communicating with others, difficulties remembering or concentrating, difficulty looking after yourself (such as washing or dressing), other permanent changes such as loss of limbs, unable to bear children |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON’T KNOW/DON’T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....9<br><br>TYPE OF DISABILITY _____<br><hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |       |  |

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| 804 a | In your life, did you <u>ever</u> lose consciousness because of what (any of your) your husband/partner(s) did to you?                                                                                                   | YES .....1<br>NO .....3<br><br><b>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8</b><br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                   | ⇒805a<br><br>⇒805a |
| 804 b | Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u> ?                                                                                                                                                                         | YES.....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                               |                    |
| 805 a | In your life, were you <u>ever</u> hurt badly enough by (any of ) your husband/partner(s) that you needed health care (even if you did not receive it)?<br>IF YES: How many times? IF NOT SURE: Estimate how many times? | TIMES NEEDED HEALTH CARE ..... [ ][ ]<br><br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....99<br><br><b>NOT NEEDED .....00</b>                             | ⇒S.9               |
| 805 b | Has this happened <u>in the past 12 months</u> ?                                                                                                                                                                         | YES.....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                               |                    |
| 806   | In your life, did you <u>ever</u> receive health care for this injury (these injuries)? Would you say, sometimes or always or never?                                                                                     | YES, SOMETIMES.....1<br>YES, ALWAYS.....2<br><b>NO, NEVER .....3</b><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9 | ⇒S.9               |
| 807   | In your life, have you ever had to spend any nights in a hospital, clinic, aid post, or health centre due to the injury/injuries?<br>IF YES: How many nights? IF NOT SURE: Estimate how many times?                      | NUMBER OF NIGHTS IN HOSPITAL .[ ][ ]<br><b>IF NONE ENTER '00'</b><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....99  | ⇒808               |
| 808   | Did you tell a health worker the real cause of your injury?                                                                                                                                                              | YES.....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER.....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9                                               |                    |

## SECTION 9 IMPACT AND COPING

I would now like to ask you some questions about what effects your husband/partner's actions has had on you. By actions, I mean... (REFER TO SPECIFIC ACTIONS THE RESPONDENT HAS MENTIONED IN SECTION 7).

IF SHE REPORTED MORE THAN ONE VIOLENT PARTNER, ADD: I would like you to answer these questions in relation to the most recent/last partner who did these things to you.

| SECTION 9 IMPACT AND COPING                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |      |
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| <b>CHECK:</b><br><b>Ref. sheet Box C</b><br><br><i>(s9phys)</i>               | <b>WOMAN EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL VIOLENCE</b><br><br><b>("YES" TO Option U)</b> <div style="text-align: center;">[ ]<br/>↓</div> <i>(1)</i>                                                                             | <b>WOMAN HAS EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE ONLY</b><br><b>("NO" to Option U and "YES" to option V)</b> <div style="text-align: center;">[ ] ⇒</div> <i>(2)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ⇒906 |
| 901                                                                           | Are there any particular situations that tend to lead to your husband/partner's behaviour?<br>REFER TO ACTIONS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE MENTIONED BEFORE.<br><br>PROBE: Any other situation?<br><br>MARK ALL MENTIONED   | NO PARTICULAR REASON ..... A<br>WHEN HE IS DRUNK ON ALCOHOL ..... B<br>WHEN HE HAS HAD KAVA ..... C<br>MONEY PROBLEMS ..... D<br>DIFFICULTIES AT HIS WORK ..... E<br>WHEN HE IS UNEMPLOYED ..... F<br>NO FOOD AT HOME ..... G<br>PROBLEMS WITH HIS OR HER FAMILY ..... H<br>SHE IS PREGNANT ..... I<br>HE IS JEALOUS OF HER ..... J<br>SHE REFUSES SEX ..... K<br>SHE IS DISOBEDIENT ..... L<br>DURING FESTIVITIES ..... M<br>HE WANTS TO TEACH HER A LESSON, EDUCATE OR DISCIPLINE HER ..... N<br>SHE IS UNABLE TO GET PREGNANT ..... O<br>HE WANTS TO SHOW HE IS BOSS ..... P<br>WHEN HE HAS HAD MARIJUANA/DRUGS .... Q<br>WHEN HE HAS RETURNED FROM WORK OR STUDY OVERSEAS ..... R<br><br>OTHER (specify): ..... X |      |
| <b>CHECK:</b><br><b>(Ref. sheet, Box B, option R)</b><br><br><i>(s9child)</i> | <b>CHILDREN LIVING</b> <div style="text-align: center;">[ ]<br/>↓</div> <i>(1)</i>                                                                                                                                   | <b>NO CHILDREN ALIVE</b> [ ] ⇒<br><br><i>(2)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ⇒903 |
| 902                                                                           | For any of these incidents, were your children present or did they overhear you being beaten?<br>IF YES: How often? Would you say once or twice, sometimes or most of the time?                                      | NEVER ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2<br>SOMETIMES ..... 3<br>MANY TIMES/MOST OF THE TIME ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |      |
| 902 a                                                                         | For any of these incidents, were your children also beaten?<br>IF YES: How often? Would you say once or twice, sometimes or most of the time?                                                                        | NEVER ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2<br>SOMETIMES ..... 3<br>MANY TIMES/MOST OF THE TIME ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |      |
| 903                                                                           | During or after a violent incident, does (did) he ever force you to have sex? PROBE: Make you have sex with him against your will?<br>IF YES: How often? Would you say once or twice, sometimes or most of the time? | NEVER ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2<br>SOMETIMES ..... 3<br>MANY TIMES/MOST OF THE TIME ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |      |

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| 904   | During the times that you were hit, did you ever fight back physically or to defend yourself?<br>IF YES: How often? Would you say once or twice, sometimes or most of the time?                                                                                                                                             | <b>NEVER</b> ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2<br>SOMETIMES ..... 3<br>MANY TIMES/MOST OF THE TIME..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ⇒906 |
| 904 a | What was the effect of you fighting back on the violence at the time? Would you say, that it had no effect, the violence became worse, the violence became less, or that the violence stopped, at least for the moment.                                                                                                     | NO CHANGE/NO EFFECT ..... 1<br>VIOLENCE BECAME WORSE ..... 2<br>VIOLENCE BECAME LESS..... 3<br>VIOLENCE STOPPED ..... 4<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |      |
| 905   | MOVED TO SECTION 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |      |
| 906   | Would you say that your husband /partner's behaviour towards you has affected your physical or emotional health, or your spiritual well-being?<br>Would you say, that it has had no effect, a little effect or a large effect?<br><b>REFER TO SPECIFIC ACTIONS OF PHYSICAL AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE SHE DESCRIBED EARLIER</b> | NO EFFECT ..... 1<br>A LITTLE ..... 2<br>A LOT ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |      |
| 907   | In what way, if any, has your husband/partner's behaviour (the violence) disrupted your work or other income-generating activities?<br><b>MARK ALL THAT APPLY</b>                                                                                                                                                           | N/A (NO WORK FOR MONEY) ..... A<br>WORK NOT DISRUPTED..... B<br>PARTNER INTERRUPTED WORK ..... C<br>UNABLE TO CONCENTRATE ..... D<br>UNABLE TO WORK/SICK LEAVE ..... E<br>LOST CONFIDENCE IN OWN ABILITY ..... F<br>PARTNER STOPPED HER FROM WORKING .. G<br>OTHER (specify): ..... X                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |      |
| 908   | Who have you told about his behaviour?<br><br><b>MARK ALL MENTIONED</b><br><br><b>PROBE: Anyone else?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NO ONE ..... A<br>FRIENDS ..... B<br>PARENTS ..... C<br>BROTHER OR SISTER ..... D<br>UNCLE OR AUNT ..... E<br>HUSBAND/PARTNER'S FAMILY ..... F<br>HER FAMILY ..... G<br>CHILDREN ..... H<br>NEIGHBOURS ..... I<br>POLICE ..... J<br>DOCTOR/HEALTH WORKER ..... K<br>CHURCH LEADER ..... L<br>COUNSELLOR FROM VWC NETWORK ..... M<br>OTHER COUNSELLOR ..... N<br>OTHER NGO/WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ..... O<br>CHIEF ..... P<br>OTHER COMMUNITY LEADER ..... Q<br>AUTHORISED PERSON UNDER FPA ..... R<br><br>OTHER (specify): ..... X |      |
| 909   | REMOVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |      |

| 910 a                                                    | <p>Did you ever go to any of the following for help?</p> <p>READ EACH ONE</p> <p>a) Police</p> <p>b) Hospital/health centre/aid post</p> <p>c) Public solicitor/lawyers</p> <p>d) Court</p> <p>e) Authorised person under FPA</p> <p>f) Chief/Custom Court</p> <p>g) Church leader</p> <p>h) Other community leader</p> <p>i) VWC Network (for example VWC, SCC, TCC, TOCC, MCC, PECC, CAVAW, male advocate)</p> <p>j) Other counselling service</p> <p>x) Anywhere else? Where?</p> | <p>a) POLICE</p> <p>b) HOSPITAL/ HEALTH CENTRE</p> <p>c) PUB SOL/LAWYERS</p> <p>d) COURT</p> <p>e) AUTHORISED PERSON</p> <p>f) CHIEF/CUSTOM COURT</p> <p>g) CHUCH LEADER</p> <p>h) OTHER LEADER</p> <p>i) VWC NETWORK (specify): _____</p> <p>j) OTHER COUNSELLING SERVICE (specify): _____</p> <p>x) ELSEWHERE (specify) : _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*      **</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>910 b.</p> <p>ASK ONLY FOR THOSE MARKED YES in 910a.</p> <p>Were you satisfied with the help given?</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>YES</th> <th>NO</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | YES | NO | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
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| <p><b>CHECK: Question 910a * **</b></p> <p>(s9check)</p> | <p><b>MARK WHEN YES FOR ANY IN Q. 910a (AT LEAST ONE "1" CIRCLED IN COLUMN MARKED WITH *)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">[ ]<br/>↓</p> <p>(1)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>MARK WHEN ALL ANSWERS NO CIRCLED (ONLY "2" CIRCLED **)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">[ ]</p> <p>(2)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>⇒912</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 911                                                      | <p>What were the reasons that made you go for help?</p> <p><b>MARK ALL MENTIONED AND GO TO 913</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>ENCOURAGED BY FRIENDS/HER FAMILY .....A</p> <p>ENCOURAGED BY HIS FAMILY .....B</p> <p>HAD INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE TO GO .....C</p> <p>AWARE OF HER RIGHTS .....D</p> <p>KNEW OTHER WOMEN WHO HAD BENEFITED .....E</p> <p>COULD NOT TAKE ANY MORE .....F</p> <p>BADLY INJURED .....G</p> <p>HE THREATENED OR TRIED TO KILL HER .....H</p> <p>HE THREATENED OR HIT CHILDREN .....I</p> <p>SAW THAT CHILDREN SUFFERING .....J</p> <p>THROWN OUT OF THE HOME .....K</p> <p>AFRAID SHE WOULD KILL HIM .....L</p> <p>AFRAID HE WOULD KILL HER .....M</p> <p>AFRAID OF MORE VIOLENCE .....N</p> <p>OTHER (specify): _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.....X</p> | <p><b>FOR ALL OPTIONS GO TO 913</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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| 912 | <p>What were the reasons that you did not go to any of these?</p> <p>MARK ALL MENTIONED</p>                                                | <p>DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER ..... A</p> <p>FEAR OF THREATS/CONSEQUENCES/ MORE VIOLENCE ..... B</p> <p>HE STOPPED HER FROM GOING ..... C</p> <p>HE THREATENED TO KILL HER ..... D</p> <p>VIOLENCE NORMAL/NOT SERIOUS..... E</p> <p>EMBARRASSED/ASHAMED/AFRAID WOULD NOT BE BELIEVED OR WOULD BE BLAMED ..... F</p> <p>BELIEVED NO HELP/KNOW OTHER WOMEN NOT HELPED ..... G</p> <p>AFRAID WOULD END RELATIONSHIP ..... H</p> <p>AFRAID WOULD LOSE CHILDREN ..... I</p> <p>BRING BAD NAME TO FAMILY ..... J</p> <p>DID NOT KNOW WHERE TO GO/NO OPTIONS..... K</p> <p>OTHER (specify): ..... X</p>                                                                                                  |                          |
| 913 | <p>Is there anyone that you would like (have liked) to receive (more) help from? Who?</p> <p>MARK ALL MENTIONED</p>                        | <p>NO ONE MENTIONED ..... A</p> <p>HER FAMILY ..... B</p> <p>HIS FAMILY ..... C</p> <p>FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS ..... D</p> <p>HEALTH CENTRE/AID POST/HOSPITAL ..... E</p> <p>POLICE ..... F</p> <p>PUBLIC SOLICITOR/LAWYERS ..... G</p> <p>CHIEF/CUSTOM COURT ..... H</p> <p>AUTHORISED PERSON FPA ..... I</p> <p>CHURCH LEADER ..... J</p> <p>OTHER COMMUNITY LEADER ..... K</p> <p>VWC NETWORK ..... L</p> <p>OTHER (specify): ..... X</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |
| 914 | <p>Did you ever leave, even if only overnight, because of his behaviour? IF YES: How many times? IF NOT SURE: Estimate how many times?</p> | <p>NUMBER OF TIMES LEFT ..... [ ] [ ]</p> <p><b>NEVER</b> ..... <b>00</b></p> <p><b>N.A. (NOT LIVING TOGETHER)</b> ..... <b>97</b></p> <p>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER ..... 98</p> <p>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 99</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>⇒919</p> <p>⇒S.10</p> |
| 915 | <p>What were the reasons why you left <u>the last time</u>?</p> <p>MARK ALL MENTIONED</p>                                                  | <p>NO PARTICULAR INCIDENT ..... A</p> <p>ENCOURAGED BY FRIENDS/HER FAMILY ..... B</p> <p>ENCOURAGED BY HIS FAMILY ..... C</p> <p>HAD INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE TO GO ..... D</p> <p>AWARE OF HER RIGHTS..... E</p> <p>KNEW OTHER WOMEN WHO HAD BENEFITED ..... F</p> <p>COULD NOT TAKE ANY MORE ..... G</p> <p>BADLY INJURED ..... H</p> <p>HE THREATENED OR TRIED TO KILL HER ..... I</p> <p>HE THREATENED OR HIT CHILDREN ..... J</p> <p>SAW THAT CHILDREN SUFFERING ..... K</p> <p>THROWN OUT OF THE HOME ..... L</p> <p>AFRAID SHE WOULD KILL HIM..... M</p> <p>AFRAID HE WOULD KILL HER ..... N</p> <p>ENCOURAGED BY ORGANIZATION (specify): ..... O</p> <p>OTHER (specify): ..... X</p> |                          |





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| 919 | <p>What were the reasons that made you stay?</p> <p>MARK ALL MENTIONED</p> <p>VWC Network: specify VWC, SCC, TCC, MCC, TOCC, PECC, CAVAW</p> | <p>DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE CHILDREN.....A</p> <p>SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE .....B</p> <p>DIDN'T WANT TO BRING SHAME</p> <p>ON FAMILY .....C</p> <p>COULDN'T SUPPORT CHILDREN.....D</p> <p>LOVED HIM .....E</p> <p>DIDN'T WANT TO BE SINGLE .....F</p> <p>FAMILY SAID TO STAY .....G</p> <p>FORGAVE HIM.....H</p> <p>THOUGHT HE WOULD CHANGE.....I</p> <p>THREATENED HER/CHILDREN/FAMILY .....J</p> <p>NOWHERE TO GO.....K</p> <p>VIOLENCE NORMAL/NOT SERIOUS .....L</p> <p>BRIDEPRICE WAS PAID .....M</p> <p>FEAR OF BLACK MAGIC/ SORCERY .....N</p> <p>HE USED A LOVE SPELL .....O</p> <p>OBTAINED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, FAMILY PROTECTION OR RESTRAINING ORDER .....P</p> <p>RECEIVED COUNSELLING FROM VWC NETWORK (specify): .....Q</p> <p>RECEIVED COUNSELLING FROM ANOTHER ORGANISATION (specify): .....R</p> <p>OTHER (specify): .....X</p> |
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## SECTION 10 OTHER EXPERIENCES

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| N01                                  | In their lives, many women have unwanted experiences including different forms of maltreatment and violence from all kinds of people, men or women. These may be relatives, other people that they know, or strangers. If you don't mind, I would like to briefly ask you about some of these situations. Everything that you say will be kept private. I will first ask about what has happened since you were 15 years old (from age 15 onwards until now), and thereafter during the past 12 months.<br>FOR WOMEN WHO WERE EVER MARRIED OR PARTNERED ADD: These questions are about people other than your husband/partner(s). May I continue? |                      |                                              |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                             |            |                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |
| N02                                  | A. Since the age of 15 until now, has anyone ever done any of the following things to you (other than your partner/husband):<br><br>a) Slapped, hit, beaten, kicked or done anything else to hurt you?<br>b) Thrown something at you? Pushed you or pulled your hair?<br>c) Choked or burnt you on purpose?<br>d) Threatened with or actually used a gun, knife or other weapon against you?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                      | A.                                           |                                                                                                                                                 | B. IF YES: Has this happened <u>in the last 12 months</u> ? |            |                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |
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| N03                                  | a) Who did this to you?<br><b>PROBE:</b><br>Anyone else?<br>How about a relative?<br>How about someone in a family who adopted you (NOTE WHERE NEITHER FATHER NOR MOTHER ARE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS)?<br>How about someone at school or work? How about a neighbour? A stranger or anyone else?<br>DO NOT READ OUT THE LIST, MARK ALL MENTIONED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      | b)<br>INDICATE SEX FOR EACH PERSON MENTIONED | c)<br>ASK ONLY FOR THOSE MARKED IN N03 a)<br><br>How many times did this happen <u>since you were 15</u> ?<br>Once, a few times, or many times? |                                                             |            | d)<br>ASK ONLY FOR THOSE MARKED IN N03 a)<br><br>How many times did this happen <u>in the past 12 months</u> ?<br><br>None, once, a few times, or many times? |  |  |
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| N06       | <p>Now I would like to ask you about other unwanted experiences you may have had. Again, I want you to think about any person, man or woman.<br/> <b>FOR WOMEN WHO EVER HAD A PARTNER ADD IF NECESSARY: <u>except your husband/male partner.</u></b></p> <p><b>a) Since the age of 15 until now</b>, has anyone (other than your male partner) ever <b>forced you into sexual intercourse</b> when you did not want to, for example by threatening you, holding you down, or putting you in a situation where you could not say no. Remember to include people you have known as well as strangers. Please at this point exclude <b>attempts</b> to force you to have sex, but did not succeed.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Has anyone (other than your male partner) ever forced you to have sex when you were too drunk or drugged to refuse?</p> <p>IF NECESSARY: We define sexual intercourse as vaginal, oral or anal penetration.</p> <p>NOTE THAT THESE QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT RAPES THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>                                                                | <p>NO</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> | <p><b>SAPOS HEMI ANSA NO LONG (a) <u>MO</u> (b) ⇒ N08</b></p> |
| N06c      | Has any of this happened in the past 12 months?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>YES .....1</p> <p>NO .....2</p> <p>DON'T KNOW .....8</p> <p>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9</p> |                             |                                                               |
| N06d      | <p>How old were you the first time it happened [more or less]</p> <p>NOTE THAT IT COULD BE POSSIBLE THAT THE FIRST TIME IT HAPPENED WAS BEFORE AGE 15.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>[    ] [    ] years</p> <p>DON'T KNOW .....98</p> <p>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ....99</p>        |                             |                                                               |
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| N07e | I am now going to ask you about your experience of <b>forced sex</b> . When was the most recent incident that you were forced to have sex? | LESS THAN ONE YEAR AGO ..... 1<br>BETWEEN ONE AND FIVE YEARS AGO ..... 2<br>LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS AGO ..... 3<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| N07n                                                                              | Did you tell anyone in your family about the incident?<br><br>MARK ALL MENTIONED | <b>NO ONE..... A</b><br>FEMALE MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OF BIRTH.. B<br>MALE MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OF BIRTH..... C<br>FEMALE MEMBER OF YOUR IN-LAWS ..... D<br>MALE MEMBER OF YOUR IN-LAWS ..... E<br>YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ..... F<br><br>OTHER, SPECIFY: ..... X                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ⇒ N08 |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| N07o                                                                              | How did they respond?<br>Anything else?<br>MARK ALL MENTIONED                    | BLAMED ME FOR IT ..... A<br>SUPPORTED ME ..... B<br>WERE INDIFFERENT ..... C<br>TOLD ME TO KEEP IT QUIET ..... D<br>PREVENTED HIM FROM CONTACTING/SEEING HER AGAIN ..... E<br>TOOK HER TO THE CHIEF/RECONCILIATION ..... F<br>ASKED FOR COMPENSATION ..... G<br>SUGGESTED/FORCED MARRIAGE TO MAN WHO DID THIS TO HER ..... H<br>SWAP HER FOR A GIRL IN HIS FAMILY ..... I<br><br>ADVISED TO REPORT TO POLICE ..... J<br>ADVISED TO GO TO VWC NETWORK ..... K<br><br>OTHER, SPECIFY: ..... X                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |       |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| b) Hospital/health centre/aid post                                                | B) HOSPITAL/ HEALTH CENTRE                                                       | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| c) Public solicitor/lawyers                                                       | C) PUB SOL/LAWYERS                                                               | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| e) Authorised person under FPA                                                    | E) AUTHORISED PERSON                                                             | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| f) Chief/Custom Court                                                             | F) CHIEF/CUSTOM COURT                                                            | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| g) Church leader                                                                  | G) CHURCH LEADER                                                                 | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| h) Other community leader                                                         | H) OTHER LEADER                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| i) VWC Network (for example VWC, SCC, TCC, TOCC, MCC, PECC, CAVAW, male advocate) | I) VWC NETWORK (specify): _____                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| j) Other counselling service                                                      | J) OTHER COUNSELLING SERVICE (specify): _____                                    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| x) Anywhere else? Where?                                                          | X) ELSEWHERE (specify) : _____                                                   | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2     |           |     |    |           |           |   |   |                                    |                            |   |   |                             |                    |   |   |          |          |   |   |                                |                      |   |   |                       |                       |   |   |                  |                  |   |   |                           |                 |   |   |                                                                                   |                                 |   |   |                              |                                               |   |   |                          |                                |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| N<br>0<br>9                            | a) Who did this to you?<br><br><b>PROBE:</b><br>Anyone else?<br>How about a relative?<br>How about someone in a family who adopted you (NOTE WHERE NEITHER FATHER NOR MOTHER ARE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS)?<br>How about someone at school or work?<br>How about a friend or neighbour?<br>A stranger or anyone else?<br><br>DO NOT READ OUT THE LIST, MARK ALL MENTIONED                                                                                   | b)<br>INDICATE SEX<br>FOR EACH<br>PERSON<br>MENTIONED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | c)<br>ASK ONLY FOR THOSE<br>MARKED IN N09 a)<br><br>How many times did this happen <b><u>since you were 15?</u></b><br>Once, a few times, or many times?                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                     |        |
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|                                        | BIRTH PARENT .....A<br>STEP-PARENT .....B<br>ADOPTIVE PARENT/FAMILY MEMBER .....C<br>BROTHER/SISTER .....D<br>OTHER FAMILY MEMBER .....E<br><br>TEACHER .....F<br>POLICE/SOLDIER .....G<br>DOCTOR/HEALTH WORKER ...H<br>CHURCH LEADER .....I<br>CHIEF .....J<br>SOMEONE AT WORK .....K<br><br>FRIEND.....L<br>BOYFRIEND .....M<br>FRIEND OF FAMILY .....N<br>NEIGHBOUR.....O<br>STRANGER .....P<br><br>OTHER (specify).....W<br>OTHER (specify).....X | 1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br><br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br><br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br>1      2<br><br>1      2<br>1      2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br><br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br><br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3<br><br>1      2      3<br>1      2      3 |                     |        |
| N09e                                   | Where did this (the most recent) incident occur?<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>OTHER PUBLIC SPACE: FESTIVAL, MARKET, SPORTING VENUE, NAKAMAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | YOUR OWN HOME, YARD ..... 1<br>HIS OR SOMEONE ELSE HOME OR YARD ..... 2<br>ALONG A ROAD, IN A CAR ..... 3<br>PUBLIC TRANSPORT ..... 4<br>GARDENS, BUSH, BEACH, RIVER ..... 5<br>SCHOOL, COLLEGE, CAMPUS ..... 6<br>HOSPITAL, CLINIC, AID POST ..... 7<br>BAR, KAVA BAR, CLUB, CASINO ..... 8<br>YOUR WORKPLACE ..... 9<br>POLICE POST, PRISON ..... 10<br>CHURCH OR PRAYER GOUP..... 11<br>OTHER PUBLIC PLACE ..... 12<br>OVERSEAS..... 13<br><br>OTHER (SPECIFY).....96<br>DON'T KNOW/CAN'T REMEMBER.....98<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER.....99 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |        |
| CHECK FOR N10:<br>Ref. sheet,<br>Box D |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | USED ELECTONIC DEVICE OR SOCIAL MEDIA<br>(OPTION W)<br>[ ]<br>↓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NEVER USED<br>[ ] ⇒ | ⇒ 1003 |

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| N10          | The next questions are about things that happen to many women, relating to the use of phones, laptops, computers, tablets, internet and social media use (such as Facebook, Viber, BIP, IMO, WhatsApp, Instagram, Messenger, Snapchat, Skype, or Telegram). The next questions are about things that happened <u>since the age of 15 years</u> .<br>FOR WOMEN WHO EVER HAD A PARTNER ADD: <b>except things done by your husband/male partner.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                          |                         |            |                          |       |
| N11          | Has any <u>man</u> (since the age of 15), other than your husband/partner ever:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | YES                                                                      | NO                      | DON'T KNOW | REFUSED/<br>NO<br>ANSWER |       |
|              | a) Asked you to perform any sexual acts on the phone or another device that you did not want, including while recording you?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1                                                                        | 2                       | 8          | 9                        |       |
|              | b) Sent you messages or images, or made you watch something on a phone or any device of a sexual nature that you did not want (either of himself, other women or other men)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1                                                                        | 2                       | 8          | 9                        |       |
|              | c) Asked you to send messages or images of a sexual nature that you did not want?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1                                                                        | 2                       | 8          | 9                        |       |
|              | d) Threatened to share private or sexual images of you on Facebook or any social media site, or actually did share them without your permission?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1                                                                        | 2                       | 8          | 9                        |       |
| CHECK<br>N11 | AT LEAST ONE '1' MARKED IN N11,<br>PROCEED TO N12<br>↓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | NO, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSED/NO ANSWER<br>TO ALL QUESTIONS IN N11          |                         |            | [ ] ⇒                    | ⇒1003 |
| N12          | Did any of these things happen in the past 12 months?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | YES .....1<br>NO .....2<br>DON'T KNOW .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9 |                         |            |                          |       |
| N13          | How many times did any of these things happen <u>since you were 15</u> ? Once, a few times, or many times?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ONCE<br>1                                                                | FEW<br>2                | MANY<br>3  |                          |       |
| 1003         | <u>When you were a girl, before you were 15 years old</u> , do you remember if any-one in your family ever touched you sexually against your will, or made you do something sexual that you didn't want to?<br>For example, has any of these things ever happened to you?<br>- touching of breasts or private parts<br>- making sexual remarks or showing sexual explicit pictures against your will<br>- showing you their private parts, or making you touch their private parts<br>- having sex or trying to have sex with you<br><br><b>IF NO: CONTINUE PROMPTING:</b><br>How about someone at school? How about a friend or neighbour? Has anyone else done this to you?<br><br><b>IF YES CONTINUE WITH 1003a</b> |                                                                          | YES .....1<br>NO .....2 |            | ⇒ 1004                   |       |



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| 1007a                                                  | When you were a child (before age 15), did anyone in your family ever:<br>a) Slap or spank you (with hand)?<br>b) Beat or kick you or hit you with a fist?<br>c) Hit you with a belt, stick, broom, iron, wood or something else?<br>d) Tied you with a rope?<br>e) Insulted or humiliated you regularly?<br><br>x) Anything else? Specify:<br>_____ | a) SLAPPED<br>b) BEAT, KICKED<br>c) HIT WITH OBJECT<br>d) TIED WITH ROPE<br>e) INSULTED<br><br>x) ANYTHING ELSE                         | YES<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1 | NO<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2 | DON'T KNOW<br>8<br>8<br>8<br>8<br>8<br>8 | IF <u>ALL</u> MAKRED<br>NO OR<br>DON'T KNOW<br>⇒S11 |
| 1007b                                                  | Did this happen in your birth family, adoptive family (if you spent any time with an adoptive family), or both birth and adoptive families?                                                                                                                                                                                                          | BIRTH FAMILY .....1<br>ADOPTIVE FAMILY .....2<br>BOTH BIRTH AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY .....3<br>DON'T KNOW .....8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER .....9 |                                   |                                  |                                          |                                                     |
| * <b>CHECK:</b><br><b>Ref. sheet Box A</b><br>(s10mar) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | REMOVED                                                                                                                                 |                                   |                                  |                                          |                                                     |
| 1008                                                   | MOVED TO SECTION 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                         |                                   |                                  |                                          |                                                     |
| 1009                                                   | MOVED TO SECTION 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                         |                                   |                                  |                                          |                                                     |
| 1010                                                   | MOVED TO SECTION 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                         |                                   |                                  |                                          |                                                     |

## SECTION 11 FINANCIAL AUTONOMY

Now I would like to ask you some questions about things that you own and your earnings. We need this information to understand the financial position of women nowadays.

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| 1101                                                                        | Please tell me if you own any of the following, either by yourself or with someone else:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <table><tr><td></td><td>YES<br/>Own<br/>by self</td><td>YES<br/>Own with<br/>others</td><td>NO<br/>Don't<br/>own</td></tr><tr><td>a) Land</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>b) Your house</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>c) A company or business</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>d) Large animals (cows, horses, pigs etc.)</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>e) Small animals (chickens, goats, etc.)</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>f) Vegetables/fruits from gardens or trees</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>g) Handcrafts (mats, baskets etc)</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>h) Large household items (TV, bed, cooker)</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>i) Jewellery, gold or other valuables</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>j) Water tank/well</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>k) Lawn mower</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>l) Motor car/Hilux/4 wheel drive/Truck</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>m) Bicycle</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>n) Canoe</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>o) Boat with motor</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>p) Savings in the bank?</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>q) Other savings?</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>x) Other property, specify</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4">FOR EACH, PROBE: Do you own this on your own, or do you own it with others?</td></tr></table> |  |  |                  | YES<br>Own<br>by self | YES<br>Own with<br>others | NO<br>Don't<br>own | a) Land | 1 | 2 | 3 | b) Your house | 1 | 2 | 3 | c) A company or business | 1 | 2 | 3 | d) Large animals (cows, horses, pigs etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | e) Small animals (chickens, goats, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | f) Vegetables/fruits from gardens or trees | 1 | 2 | 3 | g) Handcrafts (mats, baskets etc) | 1 | 2 | 3 | h) Large household items (TV, bed, cooker) | 1 | 2 | 3 | i) Jewellery, gold or other valuables | 1 | 2 | 3 | j) Water tank/well | 1 | 2 | 3 | k) Lawn mower | 1 | 2 | 3 | l) Motor car/Hilux/4 wheel drive/Truck | 1 | 2 | 3 | m) Bicycle | 1 | 2 | 3 | n) Canoe | 1 | 2 | 3 | o) Boat with motor | 1 | 2 | 3 | p) Savings in the bank? | 1 | 2 | 3 | q) Other savings? | 1 | 2 | 3 | x) Other property, specify | 1 | 2 | 3 | FOR EACH, PROBE: Do you own this on your own, or do you own it with others? |  |  |  |
|                                                                             | YES<br>Own<br>by self                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | YES<br>Own with<br>others                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO<br>Don't<br>own                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| a) Land                                                                     | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| b) Your house                                                               | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| c) A company or business                                                    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| d) Large animals (cows, horses, pigs etc.)                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| e) Small animals (chickens, goats, etc.)                                    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| f) Vegetables/fruits from gardens or trees                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| g) Handcrafts (mats, baskets etc)                                           | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| h) Large household items (TV, bed, cooker)                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| i) Jewellery, gold or other valuables                                       | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| j) Water tank/well                                                          | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| k) Lawn mower                                                               | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| l) Motor car/Hilux/4 wheel drive/Truck                                      | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| m) Bicycle                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| n) Canoe                                                                    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| o) Boat with motor                                                          | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| p) Savings in the bank?                                                     | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| q) Other savings?                                                           | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| x) Other property, specify                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| FOR EACH, PROBE: Do you own this on your own, or do you own it with others? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 1102                                                                        | a) Do you earn money by yourself?<br>IF YES: What <del>exactly</del> do you do to earn money?<br>ASK ALL. SPECIFY:<br>b) Job<br>c) Selling things, market, trading/own business<br>d) Seasonal work in Vanuatu<br>e) Seasonal work overseas<br>f) Scholarship for study in Vanuatu or overseas<br>x) Any other activity, specify | NO ..... <b>A</b><br><br>b) JOB: .....<br>c) SELLING/MARKET/TRADING/OWN BUSINESS: .....<br>d) SEASONAL WORK VANUATU: .....<br>e) SEASONAL WORK OVERSEAS: .....<br>f) SCHOLARSHIP: .....<br>x) OTHER: ..... | <table><tr><td colspan="3">⇒ <b>*s11mar</b></td></tr><tr><td>YES</td><td>NO</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr></table>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  | ⇒ <b>*s11mar</b> |                       |                           | YES                | NO      |   | 1 | 2 |               | 1 | 2 |   | 1                        | 2 |   | 1 | 2                                          |   | 1 | 2 |                                          | 1 | 2 |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
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| <b>* CHECK:</b><br>Ref. sheet,<br>Box A<br><br>(s11mar)                     | <b>CURRENTLY MARRIED/CURRENTLY LIVING WITH A MAN</b><br>(Option K) [ ]<br>↓<br>(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A MAN/CURRENT OR PAST SEXUAL PARTNER</b> (Options L, M, N) [ ] ⇒<br>(2)                                                                                            | ⇒S.12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| <b>CHECK 1102</b>                                                           | <b>1. OPTIONS b) to e)-or x) MARKED</b> [ ]<br>↓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>2. OPTION a) MARKED</b> [ ] ⇒                                                                                                                                                                           | ⇒1105                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 1103                                                                        | Are you able to spend the money you earn how you want yourself, or do you have to give all or part of the money to your husband/partner?                                                                                                                                                                                         | SELF/OWN CHOICE ..... <b>1</b><br>GIVE PART TO HUSBAND/PARTNER..... <b>2</b><br>GIVE ALL TO HUSBAND/PARTNER ..... <b>3</b><br>DON'T KNOW ..... <b>8</b><br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... <b>9</b>                 | ⇒1104                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 1103a                                                                       | Do you have to ask permission from your husband before spending money?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | YES..... <b>1</b><br>NO ..... <b>2</b><br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... <b>8</b><br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... <b>9</b>                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |                  |                       |                           |                    |         |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                          |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                   |   |   |   |                                            |   |   |   |                                       |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |               |   |   |   |                                        |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |                    |   |   |   |                         |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |                            |   |   |   |                                                                             |  |  |  |



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| 1104  | Would you say that the money that you bring into the family is more than what your husband/partner contributes, less than what he contributes, or about the same as he contributes?                                                                        | MORE THAN HUSBAND/PARTNER ..... 1<br>LESS THAN HUSBAND/PARTNER ..... 2<br>ABOUT THE SAME..... 3<br>DO NOT KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                            |                                      |
| 1105  | Have you ever given up/refused a job/scholarship for money because any husband/partner did not want you to work, or because he did not allow you to earn money (including trading, or any income-generating activity)?                                     | YES..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER ..... 9                                                                                                                                     | ⇒1106<br>⇒1106<br>⇒1106              |
| 1105a | IF YES TO 1105:<br>Has this happened in the last 12 months?                                                                                                                                                                                                | YES..... 1<br>NO ..... 2                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
| 1106  | Has any husband/partner ever taken your earnings or savings from you against your will?<br>IF YES: Has he done this once or twice, several times (5 to 10 times) or many times?                                                                            | NEVER ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2<br>SEVERAL TIMES (5-10 TIMES) ..... 3<br>MANY TIMES/ALL OF THE TIME..... 4<br>N/A (DOES NOT HAVE SAVINGS/EARNINGS) 7<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9   | ⇒1107<br><br>⇒1107<br>⇒1107<br>⇒1107 |
| 1106a | IF YES TO 1106:<br>Has this happened in the last 12 months                                                                                                                                                                                                 | YES..... 1<br>NO ..... 2                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
| 1107  | Does any husband /partner ever refused to give you money for household expenses, even when he has money for other things?<br>IF YES: Has he done this once or twice, several times (5 to 10 times) or many times?                                          | NEVER ..... 1<br>ONCE OR TWICE ..... 2<br>SEVERAL TIMES (5-10 TIMES) ..... 3<br>MANY TIMES/ALL OF THE TIME..... 4<br>N/A (PARTNER DOES NOT EARN MONEY)..... 7<br>DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9 | ⇒1108<br><br>⇒1108<br>⇒1108<br>⇒1108 |
| 1107a | IF YES TO 1107:<br>Has this happened in the last 12 months                                                                                                                                                                                                 | YES..... 1<br>NO ..... 2                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
| 1108  | In case of emergency, do you think that you alone could raise enough money to house and feed your family for 4 weeks? This could be for example by selling things that you own, or by borrowing money from people you know, or from a bank or moneylender? | YES..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br><br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                                                |                                      |
| 1108a | Do you think you alone could raise enough money to pay back the brideprice if you were asked to?                                                                                                                                                           | YES..... 1<br>NO ..... 2<br>N/A: NO BRIDEPRICE ..... 3<br>DON'T KNOW ..... 8<br>REFUSED/NO ANSWER..... 9                                                                                                                      |                                      |

## SECTION 12 COMPLETION OF INTERVIEW

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| 1201 | <p>I would now like to give you a card. On this card are two pictures. No other information is written on the card. The first picture is of a sad face, the second is of a happy face.</p> <p>No matter what you have already told me, I would like you to put a mark below the sad picture if someone has ever touched you sexually, or made you do something sexual that you didn't want to, <u>before you were 15 years old</u>.</p> <p>For example, if any of these things ever happened to you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- touching of breasts or private parts</li> <li>- making sexual remarks or showing sexual explicit pictures against your will</li> <li>- making you touch their private parts</li> <li>- having sex or trying to have sex with you</li> </ul> <p>Please put a mark below the happy face if this has never happened to you. Once you have marked the card, please fold it over and put it in this envelope. This will ensure that I do not know your answer.</p> <p>GIVE RESPONDENT CARD AND PEN. MAKE SURE THAT THE RESPONDENT FOLDS THE CARD; PUTS IT IN THE ENVELOPE; AND SEALS THE ENVELOPE BEFORE GIVING IT BACK TO YOU. AFTER LEAVING THE INTERVIEW WRITE THE QUESTIONNAIRE CODE ON THE ENVELOPE IMMEDIATELY. LATER, SECURELY STAPLE THE ENVELOPE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.</p> | <p>CARD GIVEN FOR COMPLETION .....1</p> <p>CARD NOT GIVEN FOR COMPLETION .....2</p> |  |
| 1202 | <p>We have now finished the interview. Do you have any comments, or is there anything else you would like to add?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                     |  |
| 1203 | <p>I have asked you about many difficult things. How has talking about these things made you feel?</p> <p>WRITE DOWN ANY SPECIFIC RESPONSE GIVEN BY RESPONDENT</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>GOOD/BETTER.....1</p> <p>BAD/WORSE ..... 2</p> <p>SAME/ NO DIFFERENCE.. 3</p>    |  |
| 1204 | <p>Finally, do you agree that we may contact you again over the next day or two if we need to ask a few more questions for clarification?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>YES ..... 1</p> <p>NO ..... 2</p>                                                |  |

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| <b>FINISH ONE – IF RESPONDENT HAS DISCLOSED PROBLEMS/VIOLENCE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>I would like to thank you very much for helping us. I appreciate the time that you have taken. I realize that these questions may have been difficult for you to answer, but it is only by hearing from women themselves that we can really understand about women’s lives, their health and experiences of violence.</p> <p>From what you have told us, I can tell that you have had some very difficult times in your life. No one has the right to treat someone else in that way. However, from what you have told me I can see also that you are strong, and have survived through some difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Here is a 161 freeline card. Call this number if you need any help from the centres and CAVAWs in the VWC network that provide support, legal advice and counselling services to women. Please do contact them if you would like to talk over your situation with anyone. Their services are free, and they will keep anything that you say private. You can go whenever you feel ready to, either soon or later on.</p> |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>FINISH TWO - IF RESPONDENT HAS NOT DISCLOSED PROBLEMS/VIOLENCE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>I would like to thank you very much for helping us. I appreciate the time that you have taken. I realize that these questions may have been difficult for you to answer, but it is only by hearing from women themselves that we can really understand about women’s lives and family relationships.</p> <p>In case you hear of another woman who needs help, here is a 161 freeline card. Call this number if you need any help from the centres and CAVAWs in the VWC network that provide support, legal advice and counselling services to women. Please do contact them if you or any of your friends or relatives need help. Their services are free, and they will keep anything that anyone says to them private.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>FINISH THREE - REMOVED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                             |
| 1205                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | RECORD TIME OF END OF INTERVIEW:      Hour    [   ][   ] (24 h)<br>Minutes [   ][   ]                                                       |
| 1206                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ASK THE RESPONDENT. How long did you think the interview lasted ? THIS SHOULD BE HER OWN ESTIMATE<br>Hours    [   ]      Minutes [   ][   ] |

**INTERVIEWER COMMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER INTERVIEW**

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- (W) Respondent has used any electronic devices/social media (Question 118c) ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Annex 2: Tables



Table 3.1: Household and individual sample obtained and response rates, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                                                                                 | Urban      |             | Rural       |             | Port Vila  |             | Luganville |             | Torba      |             | Sanma (excl Luganville) |             | Penama     |             | Malampa    |             | Shefa (excl Vila) |             | Tafea      |              | Total Vanuatu |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                                                                 | #          | %           | #           | %           | #          | %           | #          | %           | #          | %           | #                       | %           | #          | %           | #          | %           | #                 | %           | #          | %            | #             | %            |
| <b>Total number of households in the sample</b>                                                                                                 | <b>752</b> | <b>21.2</b> | <b>2801</b> | <b>78.8</b> | <b>427</b> | <b>12.0</b> | <b>325</b> | <b>9.1</b>  | <b>265</b> | <b>7.5</b>  | <b>497</b>              | <b>14.0</b> | <b>458</b> | <b>12.9</b> | <b>486</b> | <b>13.7</b> | <b>582</b>        | <b>16.4</b> | <b>513</b> | <b>14.4</b>  | <b>3553</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |
| Dwelling vacant                                                                                                                                 | 55         | 7.3         | 83          | 3.0         | 50         | 11.7        | 5          | 1.5         | 20         | 7.5         | 16                      | 3.2         | 2          | 0.4         | 6          | 1.2         | 37                | 6.4         | 2          | 0.4          | 138           | 3.9          |
| Dwelling destroyed                                                                                                                              | 15         | 2.0         | 38          | 1.4         | 13         | 3.0         | 2          | 0.6         | 12         | 4.5         | 4                       | 0.8         | 3          | 0.7         | 2          | 0.4         | 12                | 2.1         | 5          | 1.0          | 53            | 1.5          |
| Dwelling not found                                                                                                                              | 6          | 0.8         | 5           | 0.2         | 6.0        | 1.4         | 0          | 0.0         | 0          | 0.0         | 1                       | 0.2         | 0          | 0.0         | 1          | 0.2         | 2                 | 0.3         | 1          | 0.2          | 11            | 0.3          |
| Household absent                                                                                                                                | 14         | 1.9         | 146         | 5.2         | 7          | 1.6         | 7          | 2.2         | 17         | 6.4         | 54                      | 10.9        | 4          | 0.9         | 29         | 6.0         | 38                | 6.5         | 4          | 0.8          | 160           | 4.5          |
| Foreign language (not eligible)                                                                                                                 | 2          | 0.3         | 0           | 0.0         | 1          | 0.2         | 1          | 0.3         | 0          | 0.0         | 0                       | 0.0         | 0          | 0.0         | 0          | 0.0         | 0                 | 0.0         | 0          | 0.0          | 2             | 0.1          |
| <b>Total number of true (eligible) households visited; % of total households in sample</b>                                                      | <b>660</b> | <b>87.8</b> | <b>2529</b> | <b>90.3</b> | <b>350</b> | <b>82.0</b> | <b>310</b> | <b>95.4</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>81.5</b> | <b>422</b>              | <b>84.9</b> | <b>449</b> | <b>98.0</b> | <b>448</b> | <b>92.2</b> | <b>493</b>        | <b>84.7</b> | <b>501</b> | <b>97.7</b>  | <b>3189</b>   | <b>89.8</b>  |
| Refused at household level                                                                                                                      | 16         | 2.4         | 14          | 0.6         | 7          | 2.0         | 9          | 2.9         | 1          | 0.5         | 1                       | 0.2         | 1          | 0.2         | 5          | 1.1         | 6                 | 1.2         | 0          | 0.0          | 30            | 0.9          |
| <b>Household interview completed; Household response rate (% based on true/eligible households)</b>                                             | <b>644</b> | <b>97.6</b> | <b>2515</b> | <b>99.4</b> | <b>343</b> | <b>98.0</b> | <b>301</b> | <b>97.1</b> | <b>215</b> | <b>99.5</b> | <b>421</b>              | <b>99.8</b> | <b>448</b> | <b>99.8</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>98.9</b> | <b>487</b>        | <b>98.8</b> | <b>501</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3159</b>   | <b>99.1</b>  |
| No eligible woman in household                                                                                                                  | 68         | 10.6        | 223         | 8.9         | 40         | 11.7        | 28         | 9.3         | 33         | 15.3        | 33                      | 7.8         | 15         | 3.3         | 66         | 14.9        | 68                | 14.0        | 8          | 1.6          | 291           | 9.2          |
| <b>Total number of households with selected eligible woman; % of total true households</b>                                                      | <b>576</b> | <b>89.4</b> | <b>2292</b> | <b>91.1</b> | <b>303</b> | <b>88.3</b> | <b>273</b> | <b>90.7</b> | <b>182</b> | <b>84.7</b> | <b>388</b>              | <b>92.2</b> | <b>433</b> | <b>96.7</b> | <b>377</b> | <b>85.1</b> | <b>419</b>        | <b>86.0</b> | <b>493</b> | <b>98.4</b>  | <b>2868</b>   | <b>90.8</b>  |
| <b>Individual women's questionnaire</b>                                                                                                         |            |             |             |             |            |             |            |             |            |             |                         |             |            |             |            |             |                   |             |            |              |               |              |
| Selected woman not at home                                                                                                                      | 12         | 1.6         | 14          | 0.5         | 0          | 0.0         | 12         | 3.7         | 0          | 0.0         | 6                       | 1.2         | 0          | 0.0         | 1          | 0.2         | 7                 | 1.2         | 0          | 0.0          | 26            | 0.7          |
| Selected woman incapacitated                                                                                                                    | 5          | 0.7         | 10          | 0.4         | 1          | 0.2         | 4          | 1.2         | 0          | 0.0         | 2                       | 0.4         | 1          | 0.2         | 2          | 0.4         | 3                 | 0.5         | 2          | 0.4          | 15            | 0.4          |
| Selected woman speaks foreign language                                                                                                          | 0          | 0.0         | 2           | 0.1         | 0          | 0.0         | 0          | 0.0         | 0          | 0.0         | 0                       | 0.0         | 2          | 0.4         | 0          | 0.0         | 0                 | 0.0         | 0          | 0.0          | 2             | 0.1          |
| Refused by selected woman                                                                                                                       | 17         | 2.3         | 39          | 1.4         | 6          | 1.4         | 11         | 3.4         | 2          | 0.9         | 10                      | 2.0         | 5          | 1.1         | 5          | 1.1         | 15                | 2.6         | 2          | 0.4          | 56            | 1.8          |
| Partially completed (does not want to continue)                                                                                                 | 3          | 0.4         | 5           | 0.2         | 1          | 0.2         | 2          | 0.6         | 0          | 0.0         | 1                       | 0.2         | 1          | 0.2         | 2          | 0.5         | 1                 | 0.2         | 0          | 0.0          | 8             | 0.3          |
| Fully completed individual interview                                                                                                            | 539        | 71.7        | 2222        | 79.3        | 295        | 69.1        | 244        | 75.1        | 180        | 67.9        | 369                     | 74.2        | 424        | 92.6        | 367        | 75.5        | 393               | 67.5        | 489        | 95.3         | 2761          | 77.7         |
| <b>Interviews included in analysis (complete and partially completed); Individual response rate (% based on households with eligible women)</b> | <b>542</b> | <b>94.1</b> | <b>2227</b> | <b>97.2</b> | <b>296</b> | <b>97.7</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>90.1</b> | <b>180</b> | <b>98.9</b> | <b>370</b>              | <b>95.4</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>98.2</b> | <b>369</b> | <b>97.9</b> | <b>394</b>        | <b>94.0</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>99.2</b>  | <b>2769</b>   | <b>96.5</b>  |

Note: # = Number.

Table 3.2: Characteristics of respondents in the sample (unweighted and weighted for number of eligible women in household), Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Urban (unweighted) |            |                |            | Rural (unweighted) |            |                |            | Total Vanuatu (unweighted) |            |                |            | Total Vanuatu (weighted) |            |                |            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
|                                           | All respondents    |            | Ever partnered |            | All respondents    |            | Ever partnered |            | All respondents            |            | Ever partnered |            | All respondents          |            | Ever partnered |            |
|                                           | #                  | %          | #              | %          | #                  | %          | #              | %          | #                          | %          | #              | %          | #                        | %          | #              | %          |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>542</b>         | <b>100</b> | <b>483</b>     | <b>100</b> | <b>2227</b>        | <b>100</b> | <b>2061</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>2769</b>                | <b>100</b> | <b>2544</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>2769</b>              | <b>100</b> | <b>2330</b>    | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                    |            |                |            |                    |            |                |            |                            |            |                |            |                          |            |                |            |
| Torba                                     | NA                 | NA         | NA             | NA         | 180                | 8.1        | 171            | 8.3        | 180                        | 6.5        | 171            | 6.7        | 83                       | 3.0        | 74             | 3.2        |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)              | NA                 | NA         | NA             | NA         | 370                | 16.6       | 330            | 16.0       | 370                        | 13.4       | 330            | 13.0       | 375                      | 13.5       | 302            | 13.0       |
| Penama                                    | NA                 | NA         | NA             | NA         | 425                | 19.1       | 401            | 19.5       | 425                        | 15.3       | 401            | 15.8       | 282                      | 10.2       | 263            | 11.3       |
| Malampa                                   | NA                 | NA         | NA             | NA         | 369                | 16.6       | 352            | 17.1       | 369                        | 13.3       | 352            | 13.8       | 372                      | 13.4       | 302            | 12.9       |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)               | NA                 | NA         | NA             | NA         | 394                | 17.7       | 336            | 16.3       | 394                        | 14.2       | 336            | 13.2       | 765                      | 27.6       | 607            | 26.1       |
| Tafea                                     | NA                 | NA         | NA             | NA         | 489                | 22.0       | 471            | 22.9       | 489                        | 17.7       | 471            | 18.5       | 306                      | 11.0       | 288            | 12.4       |
| Port Vila                                 | 296                | 54.6       | 265            | 54.9       | 0                  | 0          | 0              | 0          | 296                        | 10.7       | 265            | 10.4       | 393                      | 14.2       | 334            | 14.3       |
| Luganville                                | 246                | 45.4       | 218            | 45.1       | 0                  | 0          | 0              | 0          | 246                        | 8.9        | 218            | 8.6        | 194                      | 7.0        | 159            | 6.8        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                    |            |                |            |                    |            |                |            |                            |            |                |            |                          |            |                |            |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 1                  | 0.2        | 1              | 0.2        | 55                 | 2.5        | 53             | 2.6        | 56                         | 2.0        | 54             | 2.1        | 36                       | 1.3        | 35             | 1.5        |
| Catholic                                  | 55                 | 10.1       | 48             | 9.9        | 214                | 9.6        | 200            | 9.7        | 269                        | 9.7        | 248            | 9.7        | 264                      | 9.5        | 228            | 9.8        |
| Anglican                                  | 71                 | 13.1       | 61             | 12.6       | 338                | 15.2       | 316            | 15.3       | 409                        | 14.8       | 377            | 14.8       | 295                      | 10.7       | 245            | 10.5       |
| Assemblies of God                         | 32                 | 5.9        | 26             | 5.4        | 148                | 6.6        | 139            | 6.7        | 180                        | 6.5        | 165            | 6.5        | 169                      | 6.1        | 142            | 6.1        |
| Church of Christ                          | 42                 | 7.7        | 38             | 7.9        | 145                | 6.5        | 131            | 6.4        | 187                        | 6.8        | 169            | 6.6        | 184                      | 6.7        | 157            | 6.7        |
| Presbyterian                              | 145                | 26.8       | 130            | 26.9       | 591                | 26.5       | 550            | 26.7       | 736                        | 26.6       | 680            | 26.7       | 744                      | 26.9       | 649            | 27.8       |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 88                 | 16.2       | 81             | 16.8       | 291                | 13.1       | 264            | 12.8       | 379                        | 13.7       | 345            | 13.6       | 465                      | 16.8       | 348            | 14.9       |
| Apostolic                                 | 25                 | 4.6        | 21             | 4.3        | 70                 | 3.1        | 66             | 3.2        | 95                         | 3.4        | 87             | 3.4        | 97                       | 3.5        | 85             | 3.6        |
| Other Christian                           | 78                 | 14.4       | 73             | 15.1       | 348                | 15.6       | 317            | 15.4       | 426                        | 15.4       | 390            | 15.3       | 486                      | 17.6       | 416            | 17.9       |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 5                  | 0.9        | 4              | 0.8        | 27                 | 1.2        | 25             | 1.2        | 32                         | 1.2        | 29             | 1.1        | 29                       | 1.0        | 26             | 1.1        |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                    |            |                |            |                    |            |                |            |                            |            |                |            |                          |            |                |            |
| No education                              | 8                  | 1.5        | 8              | 1.7        | 202                | 9.1        | 198            | 9.6        | 210                        | 7.6        | 206            | 8.1        | 142                      | 5.1        | 137            | 5.9        |
| Primary                                   | 153                | 28.2       | 147            | 30.4       | 969                | 43.5       | 939            | 45.6       | 1,122                      | 40.5       | 1,086          | 42.7       | 953                      | 34.4       | 906            | 38.9       |
| Secondary                                 | 351                | 64.8       | 302            | 62.5       | 1,007              | 45.2       | 881            | 42.7       | 1,358                      | 49.0       | 1,183          | 46.5       | 1564                     | 56.5       | 1198           | 51.4       |
| Higher/Tertiary                           | 30                 | 5.5        | 26             | 5.4        | 49                 | 2.2        | 43             | 2.1        | 79                         | 2.9        | 69             | 2.7        | 111                      | 4.0        | 89             | 3.8        |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                    |            |                |            |                    |            |                |            |                            |            |                |            |                          |            |                |            |
| 15-19                                     | 66                 | 12.2       | 22             | 4.6        | 163                | 7.3        | 61             | 3.0        | 229                        | 8.3        | 83             | 3.3        | 442                      | 16.0       | 144            | 6.2        |
| 15-17                                     | 31                 | 5.7        | 5              | 1.0        | 90                 | 4.0        | 19             | 0.9        | 121                        | 4.4        | 24             | 0.9        | 210                      | 7.6        | 49             | 2.1        |
| 18-19                                     | 35                 | 6.5        | 17             | 3.5        | 73                 | 3.3        | 42             | 2.0        | 108                        | 3.9        | 59             | 2.3        | 233                      | 8.4        | 95             | 4.1        |
| 20-24                                     | 66                 | 12.2       | 57             | 11.8       | 255                | 11.5       | 216            | 10.5       | 321                        | 11.6       | 273            | 10.7       | 392                      | 14.2       | 298            | 12.8       |
| 25-29                                     | 70                 | 12.9       | 67             | 13.9       | 328                | 14.7       | 320            | 15.5       | 398                        | 14.4       | 387            | 15.2       | 349                      | 12.6       | 322            | 13.8       |
| 30-34                                     | 82                 | 15.1       | 81             | 16.8       | 346                | 15.5       | 344            | 16.7       | 428                        | 15.5       | 425            | 16.7       | 355                      | 12.8       | 353            | 15.1       |

|                                                                                     | Urban (unweighted) |            |                |            | Rural (unweighted) |            |                |            | Total Vanuatu (unweighted) |            |                |            | Total Vanuatu (weighted) |            |                |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
|                                                                                     | All respondents    |            | Ever partnered |            | All respondents    |            | Ever partnered |            | All respondents            |            | Ever partnered |            | All respondents          |            | Ever partnered |            |
|                                                                                     | #                  | %          | #              | %          | #                  | %          | #              | %          | #                          | %          | #              | %          | #                        | %          | #              | %          |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                | <b>542</b>         | <b>100</b> | <b>483</b>     | <b>100</b> | <b>2227</b>        | <b>100</b> | <b>2061</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>2769</b>                | <b>100</b> | <b>2544</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>2769</b>              | <b>100</b> | <b>2330</b>    | <b>100</b> |
| 35-39                                                                               | 56                 | 10.3       | 55             | 11.4       | 272                | 12.2       | 270            | 13.1       | 328                        | 11.8       | 325            | 12.8       | 253                      | 9.1        | 250            | 10.7       |
| 40-44                                                                               | 54                 | 10.0       | 53             | 11.0       | 261                | 11.7       | 256            | 12.4       | 315                        | 11.4       | 309            | 12.1       | 281                      | 10.2       | 275            | 11.8       |
| 45-49                                                                               | 37                 | 6.8        | 37             | 7.7        | 192                | 8.6        | 189            | 9.2        | 229                        | 8.3        | 226            | 8.9        | 198                      | 7.2        | 197            | 8.4        |
| 50-54                                                                               | 50                 | 9.2        | 50             | 10.4       | 160                | 7.2        | 159            | 7.7        | 210                        | 7.6        | 209            | 8.2        | 193                      | 7.0        | 192            | 8.2        |
| 55-64 **                                                                            | 61                 | 11.3       | 61             | 12.6       | 250                | 11.2       | 246            | 11.9       | 311                        | 11.2       | 307            | 12.1       | 305                      | 11.0       | 301            | 12.9       |
| <b>Socio-economic status (based on household assets index using cluster method)</b> |                    |            |                |            |                    |            |                |            |                            |            |                |            |                          |            |                |            |
| Lower                                                                               | 26                 | 4.8        | 25             | 5.2        | 1430               | 64.2       | 1345           | 65.3       | 1456                       | 52.6       | 1370           | 53.9       | 1153                     | 41.6       | 987            | 42.4       |
| Medium                                                                              | 264                | 48.7       | 241            | 49.9       | 645                | 29.0       | 586            | 28.4       | 909                        | 32.8       | 827            | 32.5       | 1008                     | 36.4       | 858            | 36.8       |
| Higher                                                                              | 252                | 46.5       | 217            | 44.9       | 152                | 6.8        | 130            | 6.3        | 404                        | 14.6       | 347            | 13.6       | 608                      | 22.0       | 486            | 20.8       |
| <b>Disability status</b>                                                            |                    |            |                |            |                    |            |                |            |                            |            |                |            |                          |            |                |            |
| No difficulty                                                                       | 218                | 40.2       | 188            | 38.9       | 861                | 38.7       | 767            | 37.2       | 1,079                      | 39.0       | 955            | 37.5       | 1056                     | 38.1       | 829            | 35.6       |
| Some difficulty                                                                     | 251                | 46.3       | 228            | 47.2       | 1,162              | 52.2       | 1,104          | 53.6       | 1,413                      | 51.0       | 1,332          | 52.4       | 1435                     | 51.8       | 1250           | 53.6       |
| A lot of difficulty                                                                 | 60                 | 11.1       | 56             | 11.6       | 183                | 8.2        | 172            | 8.3        | 243                        | 8.8        | 228            | 9.0        | 249                      | 9.0        | 232            | 9.9        |
| Cannot do at all                                                                    | 13                 | 2.4        | 11             | 2.3        | 21                 | 0.9        | 18             | 0.9        | 34                         | 1.2        | 29             | 1.1        | 30                       | 1.1        | 20             | 0.9        |
| <b>Current Partnership status ***</b>                                               |                    |            |                |            |                    |            |                |            |                            |            |                |            |                          |            |                |            |
| Never partnered                                                                     | 59                 | 10.9       | 0              | 0          | 166                | 7.5        | 0              | 0          | 225                        | 8.1        | NA             | NA         | 439                      | 15.8       | NA             | NA         |
| Currently married                                                                   | 212                | 39.1       | 212            | 43.9       | 1,430              | 64.2       | 1,430          | 69.4       | 1,642                      | 59.3       | 1,642          | 64.5       | 1326                     | 47.9       | 1326           | 56.9       |
| Living with man (not married)                                                       | 211                | 38.9       | 211            | 43.7       | 477                | 21.4       | 477            | 23.1       | 688                        | 24.8       | 688            | 27.0       | 706                      | 25.5       | 706            | 30.3       |
| Regular partner (dating)                                                            | 26                 | 4.8        | 26             | 5.4        | 71                 | 3.2        | 71             | 3.4        | 97                         | 3.5        | 97             | 3.8        | 166                      | 6.0        | 166            | 7.1        |
| Divorced/separated                                                                  | 14                 | 2.6        | 14             | 2.9        | 32                 | 1.4        | 32             | 1.6        | 46                         | 1.7        | 46             | 1.8        | 58                       | 2.1        | 58             | 2.5        |
| Widowed                                                                             | 18                 | 3.3        | 18             | 3.7        | 47                 | 2.1        | 47             | 2.3        | 65                         | 2.3        | 65             | 2.6        | 63                       | 2.3        | 63             | 2.7        |
| No answer/refused                                                                   | 2                  | 0.4        | 2              | 0.4        | 4                  | 0.2        | 4              | 0.2        | 6                          | 0.2        | 6              | 0.2        | 11                       | 0.4        | 11             | 0.5        |

Note: # = Number.

\* Weights have been applied for total eligible women in the household to correct for differences in selection probability within the household.

\*\* The 55-64 age group includes one woman in the database who may have been 65 at the time of the interview. Although age was checked by both the team supervisors and data checkers based in Port Vila, this respondent completed the interview in full and the discrepancy in her stated age versus date of birth was discovered after the data was cleaned and tables had been generated. A decision was made to include her in the analysis, to give due respect to the time she spent with the interviewer.

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\*\*\* Partnership status refers to male-female relationships only. No respondents reported having a female partner.

Table 3.3: Characteristics of respondents in the sample (unweighted and weighted) and female population age 15-64 years in the general population (based on 2020 population census)

|                                                                                                              | Unweighted      |            | Weighted        |            | Census 2020*      |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                                                                                                              | All respondents |            | All respondents |            | Female population |            |
|                                                                                                              | #               | %          | #               | %          | #                 | %          |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                                         | <b>2,769</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>2,769</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>86,371</b>     | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                                                                                          |                 |            |                 |            |                   |            |
| Urban                                                                                                        | 542             | 19.6       | 586             | 21.2       | 21,636            | 25.1       |
| Rural                                                                                                        | 2,227           | 80.4       | 2,183           | 78.8       | 64,735            | 74.9       |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b>                                                                    |                 |            |                 |            |                   |            |
| Torba                                                                                                        | 180             | 6.5        | 83              | 3.0        | 3,077             | 3.6        |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                                                                                 | 370             | 13.4       | 375             | 13.5       | 11,709            | 13.6       |
| Penama                                                                                                       | 425             | 15.3       | 282             | 10.2       | 9,603             | 11.1       |
| Malampa                                                                                                      | 369             | 13.3       | 372             | 13.4       | 11,669            | 13.5       |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                                                                                  | 394             | 14.2       | 765             | 27.6       | 16,405            | 19.0       |
| Tafea                                                                                                        | 489             | 17.7       | 306             | 11.0       | 12,274            | 14.2       |
| Port Vila                                                                                                    | 296             | 10.7       | 393             | 14.2       | 16,208            | 18.8       |
| Luganville                                                                                                   | 246             | 8.9        | 194             | 7.0        | 5,429             | 6.3        |
| <b>Religion</b>                                                                                              |                 |            |                 |            |                   |            |
| Catholic                                                                                                     | 269             | 9.7        | 264             | 9.5        | 10,072            | 12.0       |
| Anglican                                                                                                     | 409             | 14.8       | 295             | 10.7       | 9,599             | 11.4       |
| Assemblies of God                                                                                            | 180             | 6.5        | 169             | 6.1        | 4,261             | 5.1        |
| Church of Christ                                                                                             | 187             | 6.8        | 184             | 6.7        | 4,195             | 5.0        |
| Presbyterian                                                                                                 | 736             | 26.6       | 744             | 26.9       | 22,917            | 27.2       |
| Seventh Day Adventist                                                                                        | 379             | 13.7       | 465             | 16.8       | 13,005            | 15.5       |
| Apostolic                                                                                                    | 95              | 3.4        | 97              | 3.5        | 1,969             | 2.3        |
| Other Christian**                                                                                            | 426             | 15.4       | 486             | 17.6       | 4,358             | 5.2        |
| Other Non-Christian ***                                                                                      | 32              | 1.2        | 29              | 1.0        | 12,657            | 15.0       |
| No Religion/No Answer ****                                                                                   | 56              | 2.0        | 36              | 1.3        | 1,133             | 1.3        |
| <b>Education (by level of education completed – note that census data is for all women aged 15 and over)</b> |                 |            |                 |            |                   |            |
| No education                                                                                                 | 210             | 7.6        | 142             | 5.1        | 20,692            | 22.9       |
| Primary                                                                                                      | 1,122           | 40.5       | 953             | 34.4       | 41,266            | 45.7       |
| Secondary                                                                                                    | 1,358           | 49.0       | 1,564           | 56.5       | 24,738            | 27.4       |
| Higher/Tertiary                                                                                              | 79              | 2.9        | 111             | 4.0        | 3,699             | 4.1        |
| <b>Age group</b>                                                                                             |                 |            |                 |            |                   |            |
| 15-19                                                                                                        | 229             | 8.3        | 442             | 16.0       | 14,104            | 16.3       |
| 20-24                                                                                                        | 321             | 11.6       | 392             | 14.2       | 13,002            | 15.1       |
| 25-29                                                                                                        | 398             | 14.4       | 349             | 12.6       | 12,418            | 14.4       |
| 30-34                                                                                                        | 428             | 15.5       | 355             | 12.8       | 10,857            | 12.6       |
| 35-39                                                                                                        | 328             | 11.8       | 253             | 9.1        | 8,501             | 9.8        |
| 40-44                                                                                                        | 315             | 11.4       | 281             | 10.2       | 7,587             | 8.8        |
| 45-49                                                                                                        | 229             | 8.3        | 198             | 7.2        | 6,501             | 7.5        |
| 50-54                                                                                                        | 210             | 7.6        | 193             | 7.0        | 5,530             | 6.4        |
| 55-64*****                                                                                                   | 311             | 11.2       | 305             | 11.0       | 7,871             | 9.1        |

Note: # = Number. As in Table 3.2, weights have been applied for the total eligible women in the household to correct for differences in selection probability within the household.

\* Sources: Vanuatu National Statistics Office (VNSO) 2020a. *2020 National Population and Housing Census, Basic Tables Report, Volume 1*: 33-36, 64-65; and VNSO 2020b. *2020 National Population and Housing Census, Basic Tables Report, Volume 2*: 60. Census report totals by category do not equate to the total population of women aged 15-64 in VNSO 2020: the total for urban and rural, and for all age categories data is 86,371 in the Census data; the total by location is 86,374; the total by religion is 84,166, and the total by education categories is 90,395 (because this is for all women aged 15 or over, rather than age 15-64). For this reason, percentages in each category are based on the total N provided from the 2020 Census report for each category.

\*\* This refers to *Inner Life Ministry* and *Latter Day Saints* in the 2020 Census.

\*\*\* This refers to *Customary beliefs* and *Others* in the 2020 Census.

\*\*\*\* This refers to *No Religion or Faith*, *Refuse to Answer*, and *Not Stated* in the 2020 Census.

\*\*\*\*\* This includes one woman aged 65 in the Vanuatu unweighted data, as noted in Table 3.2.

Table 3.4: Prevalence of intimate partner violence, unweighted and weighted for number of eligible women in the household, Vanuatu 2024

| Type of partner violence          | Prevalence unweighted |                         |      | Prevalence weighted for total eligible women in HH* |                         |      | Prevalence weighted for selection probability of HH and number of eligible women in HH** |                         |      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
|                                   | %                     | 95% Confidence interval |      | %                                                   | 95% Confidence interval |      | %                                                                                        | 95% Confidence interval |      |
| Lifetime physical violence        | 50.4                  | 48.5                    | 52.4 | 48.8                                                | 48.5                    | 49.1 | 46.8                                                                                     | 44.9                    | 48.8 |
| Current physical violence         | 25.4                  | 23.7                    | 27.1 | 25.5                                                | 25.2                    | 25.8 | 24.8                                                                                     | 23.1                    | 26.5 |
| Lifetime sexual violence          | 28.8                  | 27.0                    | 30.6 | 26.3                                                | 26.0                    | 26.6 | 26.2                                                                                     | 24.5                    | 27.9 |
| Current sexual violence           | 14.8                  | 13.4                    | 16.2 | 14.8                                                | 14.6                    | 15.1 | 14.9                                                                                     | 13.5                    | 16.3 |
| Lifetime physical/sexual violence | 55.8                  | 53.9                    | 57.7 | 53.4                                                | 53.1                    | 53.8 | 52.2                                                                                     | 50.3                    | 54.2 |
| Current physical/sexual violence  | 30.4                  | 28.6                    | 32.2 | 30.3                                                | 30.0                    | 30.6 | 29.8                                                                                     | 28.1                    | 31.6 |
| Lifetime emotional violence       | 67.5                  | 65.7                    | 69.3 | 65.6                                                | 65.3                    | 65.9 | 64.3                                                                                     | 62.5                    | 66.2 |
| Current emotional violence        | 45.3                  | 43.4                    | 47.3 | 45.0                                                | 44.6                    | 45.3 | 44.1                                                                                     | 42.2                    | 46.1 |

\* Weights have been applied for total eligible women in the household (HH) to correct for differences in selection probability within the household.

\*\* Female weights have been applied to correct for both the probability of the household (HH) selection as well as the selection of the respondent among the eligible women within the household.

Table 3.5: Women's satisfaction upon completion of interview and duration of interview, according to experience of partner violence (N=2765), Vanuatu 2024

|                                              | All ever-partnered respondents (N=2540)* (%) | Ever-partnered respondents, by experience of partner violence |                                  |                                    |                                               | Never-partnered respondents (N=225) (%) |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                              |                                              | No (physical or sexual) violence (N=1123) (%)                 | Only sexual violence (N=136) (%) | Only physical violence (N=685) (%) | Both physical and sexual violence (N=595) (%) |                                         |
| The interview made you feel                  |                                              |                                                               |                                  |                                    |                                               |                                         |
| Good/better                                  | 94.9                                         | 94.0                                                          | 96.3                             | 95.8                               | 95.3                                          | 92.9                                    |
| Same/ no difference                          | 1.6                                          | 1.2                                                           | 2.2                              | 1.6                                | 2.0                                           | 2.2                                     |
| Worse                                        | 3.4                                          | 4.7                                                           | 1.5                              | 2.3                                | 2.5                                           | 4.9                                     |
| Not stated                                   | 0.2                                          | 0.0                                                           | 0.0                              | 0.3                                | 0.2                                           | 0                                       |
| Agreed to be contacted again                 |                                              |                                                               |                                  |                                    |                                               |                                         |
| Yes                                          | 99.1                                         | 99.1                                                          | 100.0                            | 98.7                               | 99.3                                          | 96.9                                    |
| No                                           | 0.8                                          | 0.9                                                           | 0.0                              | 1.0                                | 0.5                                           | 3.1                                     |
| Not stated                                   | 0.1                                          | 0.0                                                           | 0.0                              | 0.3                                | 0.2                                           | 0                                       |
| Duration of interview (number of minutes) ** |                                              |                                                               |                                  |                                    |                                               |                                         |
| Mean                                         | 61.1                                         | 53.4                                                          | 59.4                             | 65.0                               | 70.0                                          | 34.8                                    |
| Median                                       | 55.2                                         | 48.6                                                          | 53.9                             | 59.5                               | 65.0                                          | 30.5                                    |

\* Four ever-partnered women did not answer all questions on partner violence and have been excluded from the analysis. One did not answer the questions on sexual violence but is included in the analysis of all ever-partnered respondents. Note that the data presented for 'by experience of partner violence' excludes the one woman whose interview was prematurely terminated due to a missing value for sexual violence. Since the four categories presented are mutually exclusive, she is excluded from all four sub-categories in this breakdown; consequently, the Ns for 'by experience of partner violence' add to 2539 and not 2550.

\*\* For the calculation of duration of interview 776 observations were dropped due to "negative" or unlikely short duration (less than 10 minutes) or unlikely long duration (more than 300 minutes).



Table 3.6: Sex of head of household as reported for the households where a complete interview was obtained, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Number of respondents<br>(unweighted N) | Male        | Female      | Both       |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>2769</b>                             | <b>70.7</b> | <b>27.7</b> | <b>1.7</b> |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                         |             |             |            |
| Urban                                     | 542                                     | 68.6        | 29.2        | 2.2        |
| Rural                                     | 2227                                    | 71.2        | 27.3        | 1.5        |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                         |             |             |            |
| Torba                                     | 180                                     | 79.4        | 18.9        | 1.7        |
| Sanma                                     | 370                                     | 81.1        | 14.1        | 4.9        |
| Penama                                    | 425                                     | 77.6        | 21.9        | 0.5        |
| Malampa                                   | 369                                     | 68.3        | 29.8        | 1.9        |
| Shefa                                     | 394                                     | 64.5        | 35.0        | 0.5        |
| Tafea                                     | 489                                     | 62.6        | 37.0        | 0.4        |
| Port Vila                                 | 296                                     | 67.9        | 31.8        | 0.3        |
| Luganville                                | 246                                     | 69.5        | 26.0        | 4.5        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                         |             |             |            |
| Catholic                                  | 269                                     | 68.0        | 30.9        | 1.1        |
| Anglican                                  | 409                                     | 75.6        | 23.5        | 1.0        |
| Assemblies of God                         | 180                                     | 66.7        | 32.2        | 1.1        |
| Church of Christ                          | 187                                     | 69.0        | 28.3        | 2.7        |
| Presbyterian                              | 736                                     | 73.4        | 24.5        | 2.2        |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 379                                     | 67.5        | 31.4        | 1.1        |
| Apostolic                                 | 95                                      | 60.0        | 38.9        | 1.1        |
| Other Christian                           | 426                                     | 69.0        | 28.6        | 2.3        |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 32                                      | 62.5        | 37.5        | 0.0        |
| No Religion/ No Answer                    | 56                                      | 87.5        | 10.7        | 1.8        |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                         |             |             |            |
| No education                              | 210                                     | 73.8        | 24.8        | 1.4        |
| Primary                                   | 1122                                    | 72.4        | 26.3        | 1.3        |
| Secondary                                 | 1358                                    | 69.1        | 28.9        | 2.0        |
| Higher/ Tertiary                          | 79                                      | 64.6        | 34.2        | 1.3        |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                                         |             |             |            |
| 15-19                                     | 229                                     | 69.4        | 27.5        | 3.1        |
| 15-17                                     | 121                                     | 71.1        | 24.0        | 5.0        |
| 18-19                                     | 108                                     | 67.6        | 31.5        | 0.9        |
| 20-24                                     | 321                                     | 70.4        | 28.3        | 1.2        |
| 25-29                                     | 398                                     | 77.6        | 20.9        | 1.5        |
| 30-34                                     | 428                                     | 72.0        | 27.3        | 0.7        |
| 35-39                                     | 328                                     | 71.6        | 26.2        | 2.1        |
| 40-44                                     | 315                                     | 73.0        | 25.4        | 1.6        |
| 45-49                                     | 229                                     | 71.2        | 28.8        | 0.0        |
| 50-54                                     | 210                                     | 68.1        | 29.0        | 2.9        |
| 55-64                                     | 311                                     | 59.2        | 38.3        | 2.6        |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |                                         |             |             |            |
| Lower                                     | 1456                                    | 71.9        | 26.6        | 1.5        |
| Medium                                    | 909                                     | 69.9        | 28.2        | 2.0        |
| Higher                                    | 404                                     | 68.1        | 30.4        | 1.5        |
| <b>Disability status</b>                  |                                         |             |             |            |
| No difficulty                             | 1079                                    | 69.4        | 29.3        | 1.3        |
| Some difficulty                           | 1413                                    | 72.1        | 26.2        | 1.7        |
| A lot of difficulty                       | 243                                     | 68.3        | 28.8        | 2.9        |
| Cannot do at all                          | 34                                      | 67.6        | 29.4        | 2.9        |

|                                                                                               | Number of respondents<br>(unweighted N) | Male        | Female      | Both       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                          | <b>2769</b>                             | <b>70.7</b> | <b>27.7</b> | <b>1.7</b> |
| <b>Current Partnership status</b>                                                             |                                         |             |             |            |
| Never partnered                                                                               | 225                                     | 63.6        | 33.8        | 2.7        |
| Currently married                                                                             | 1,642                                   | 75.6        | 23.0        | 1.5        |
| Living with man (not married)                                                                 | 688                                     | 69.9        | 28.1        | 2.0        |
| Regular partner (dating)                                                                      | 97                                      | 57.7        | 41.2        | 1.0        |
| Divorced/separated                                                                            | 46                                      | 50.0        | 50.0        | 0.0        |
| Widowed                                                                                       | 65                                      | 16.9        | 83.1        | 0.0        |
| Formerly partnered but did not answer how partnership ended                                   | 6                                       | 33.3        | 50.0        | 16.7       |
| <b>By experience of physical or sexual partner violence among total ever-partnered women*</b> |                                         |             |             |            |
| No violence                                                                                   | 1123                                    | 70.0        | 28.8        | 1.2        |
| Physical and/or sexual violence                                                               | 1417                                    | 72.3        | 25.8        | 1.8        |

\* Total ever-partnered women is 2544 but four did not complete the questions on partner violence.

Table 3.7: Proportion of women owning assets, either by herself or with someone else (N=2761\*), Vanuatu 2024

|                                         | Woman owns by<br>herself<br>(%) | Woman owns with<br>others<br>(%) | Woman does<br>not own<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Land                                    | 5.7                             | 79.2                             | 15.0                         |
| House                                   | 23.9                            | 65.6                             | 10.5                         |
| Company or business                     | 12.1                            | 14.6                             | 73.3                         |
| Large animals (cows, horses, pigs etc.) | 14.2                            | 36.5                             | 49.3                         |
| Small animals (chickens, goats, etc.)   | 28.9                            | 42.6                             | 28.5                         |
| Vegetables/fruits from gardens or trees | 35.1                            | 54.1                             | 10.8                         |
| Handcrafts (mats, baskets etc)          | 39.3                            | 7.5                              | 53.2                         |
| Large household items (TV, bed, cooker) | 6.8                             | 21.8                             | 71.4                         |
| Jewellery, gold or other valuables      | 18.9                            | 1.3                              | 79.8                         |
| Water tank/well                         | 6.8                             | 52.7                             | 40.5                         |
| Lawn mower                              | 7.5                             | 31.9                             | 60.7                         |
| Motor car/hilux/4-wheel drive/truck     | 1.5                             | 10.4                             | 88.0                         |
| Bicycle                                 | 3.1                             | 11.5                             | 85.4                         |
| Canoe                                   | 2.8                             | 4.6                              | 92.6                         |
| Boat with motor                         | 1.2                             | 4.6                              | 94.2                         |
| Savings in the bank                     | 25.1                            | 14.0                             | 61.0                         |
| Other savings                           | 44.2                            | 15.1                             | 40.8                         |
| Other property                          | 5.7                             | 79.2                             | 15.0                         |

\* Eight respondents did not complete the questions in section 11 on ownership of assets because they ended the interview before that section of the questionnaire.

Table 3.8a: Unweighted proportion of women earning money by themselves, and the way they are earning money, among all respondents (N=2761\*), Vanuatu 2024

|                                             | Unweighted<br>Number | Unweighted<br>% |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Not earning money by herself                | 559                  | 20.2            |
| Does earn money by herself                  | 2,202                | 79.8            |
| <b>Way of earning money:**</b>              |                      |                 |
|                                             | <b>2202</b>          |                 |
| Job                                         | 352                  | 16.0            |
| Selling things, trading                     | 1851                 | 84.1            |
| Seasonal work in Vanuatu                    | 15                   | 0.7             |
| Seasonal work overseas                      | 16                   | 0.7             |
| Scholarship for study (Vanuatu or overseas) | 1                    | 0.0             |
| Any other activity                          | 29                   | 1.3             |

\* Eight respondents did not complete the questions in section 11 on ownership of assets because they ended the interview before that section of the questionnaire.

\*\* Percentages do not total 100% because more than one way of earning money could be mentioned by the respondent.

Table 3.8b: Decision-making about spending her earnings (unweighted), among currently partnered or co-habiting women earning money by themselves (N=1920), Vanuatu 2024

|                                                              | Unweighted<br>Number | Unweighted<br>% |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Able to decide how to spend her earnings herself             | 705                  | 36.7            |
| Must give <u>part</u> of her earnings to her husband/partner | 1,194                | 62.2            |
| Must give <u>all</u> her earnings to her husband/partner     | 15                   | 0.8             |
| Don't know/refused/no answer                                 | 6                    | 0.3             |

Note: Unweighted percentages shown above are different from those in Table 4.12c due to weighting in chapter 4 tables.

Table 3.8c: Household income earned by women compared with their husbands/partners (unweighted), among currently married or cohabiting women earning money by themselves (N=1920), Vanuatu 2024

|                                   | Unweighted<br>Number | Unweighted<br>% |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| More than husband/ partner        | 460                  | 24.0            |
| Less than husband/partner         | 1,042                | 54.2            |
| About the same as husband/partner | 403                  | 21.0            |
| Don't know/refused/no answer      | 15                   | 0.8             |

Note: Unweighted percentages shown above are different from those in Table 4.12c due to weighting in chapter 4 tables.

Table 4.1: Weighted prevalence of physical, sexual and physical and/or sexual partner violence, among ever-partnered women aged 15-64, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Physical violence       |                         | Sexual violence*        |                         | Physical and/or sexual violence |                         | Number of ever-partnered women (unweighted N) |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                           | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 month prevalence (%) | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 month prevalence (%) | Lifetime prevalence (%)         | 12 month prevalence (%) |                                               |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 46.8                    | 24.8                    | 26.2                    | 14.9                    | 52.2                            | 29.8                    | 2540                                          |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                         |                         |                         |                         |                                 |                         |                                               |
| Urban                                     | 31.9                    | 15.6                    | 17.2                    | 10.8                    | 37.0                            | 20.7                    | 482                                           |
| Rural                                     | 50.8                    | 27.3                    | 28.7                    | 16.0                    | 56.3                            | 32.3                    | 2058                                          |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                                 |                         |                                               |
| Torba                                     | 68.4                    | 27.1                    | 46.4                    | 20.8                    | 77.2                            | 33.5                    | 171                                           |
| Sanma                                     | 57.8                    | 29.7                    | 35.0                    | 19.1                    | 65.2                            | 35.6                    | 329                                           |
| Penama                                    | 55.4                    | 22.3                    | 36.8                    | 22.9                    | 64.4                            | 33.6                    | 400                                           |
| Malampa                                   | 57.9                    | 27.8                    | 31.7                    | 16.2                    | 62.6                            | 34.0                    | 351                                           |
| Shefa                                     | 36.5                    | 25.6                    | 15.7                    | 11.8                    | 39.1                            | 27.9                    | 336                                           |
| Tafea                                     | 57.7                    | 32.3                    | 34.0                    | 14.0                    | 64.1                            | 34.8                    | 471                                           |
| Port Vila                                 | 25.5                    | 14.7                    | 11.1                    | 9.7                     | 28.9                            | 19.2                    | 264                                           |
| Luganville                                | 45.3                    | 17.6                    | 29.9                    | 13.0                    | 54.2                            | 23.7                    | 218                                           |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                         |                         |                         |                         |                                 |                         |                                               |
| Catholic                                  | 47.0                    | 21.6                    | 25.9                    | 12.7                    | 54.2                            | 28.1                    | 247                                           |
| Anglican                                  | 49.9                    | 23.0                    | 32.7                    | 20.1                    | 56.5                            | 30.7                    | 377                                           |
| AOG                                       | 48.0                    | 31.2                    | 34.6                    | 20.1                    | 52.4                            | 35.2                    | 165                                           |
| CoC                                       | 49.8                    | 22.5                    | 24.0                    | 14.8                    | 54.9                            | 29.2                    | 168                                           |
| Presbyterian                              | 44.0                    | 24.3                    | 24.0                    | 13.1                    | 49.6                            | 28.5                    | 679                                           |
| SDA                                       | 47.5                    | 25.3                    | 26.1                    | 13.8                    | 52.1                            | 28.3                    | 345                                           |
| Apostolic                                 | 29.5                    | 15.9                    | 15.8                    | 7.1                     | 30.5                            | 17.0                    | 87                                            |
| Other Chris                               | 48.8                    | 27.8                    | 27.3                    | 18.2                    | 54.7                            | 34.7                    | 389                                           |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 57.1                    | 36.0                    | 20.0                    | 1.6                     | 57.1                            | 36.0                    | 29                                            |
| No Religion/ No Answer                    | 61.9                    | 24.7                    | 19.2                    | 8.0                     | 67.6                            | 25.6                    | 54                                            |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                                 |                         |                                               |
| No educ                                   | 47.0                    | 20.2                    | 33.1                    | 18.3                    | 58.7                            | 31.7                    | 206                                           |
| Primary                                   | 50.1                    | 23.5                    | 28.2                    | 14.5                    | 55.4                            | 28.3                    | 1085                                          |
| Secondary                                 | 45.5                    | 26.7                    | 24.7                    | 15.3                    | 50.6                            | 31.4                    | 1180                                          |
| Higher/ Tert                              | 30.9                    | 20.0                    | 16.2                    | 8.9                     | 32.6                            | 21.6                    | 69                                            |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                         |                         |                         |                         |                                 |                         |                                               |
| 15-19                                     | 42.2                    | 34.7                    | 41.8                    | 35.1                    | 60.6                            | 48.9                    | 83                                            |
| 15-17                                     | 44.9                    | 26.6                    | 52.3                    | 44.4                    | 75.6                            | 52.5                    | 24                                            |
| 18-19                                     | 40.8                    | 38.9                    | 36.3                    | 30.3                    | 52.9                            | 47.0                    | 59                                            |
| 20-24                                     | 48.9                    | 39.5                    | 22.7                    | 17.0                    | 54.0                            | 43.8                    | 273                                           |
| 25-29                                     | 44.8                    | 33.1                    | 24.4                    | 17.3                    | 50.7                            | 38.0                    | 387                                           |
| 30-34                                     | 55.2                    | 29.5                    | 30.4                    | 17.7                    | 57.8                            | 34.1                    | 424                                           |
| 35-39                                     | 52.8                    | 25.8                    | 28.8                    | 14.8                    | 55.8                            | 32.4                    | 325                                           |
| 40-44                                     | 47.0                    | 19.2                    | 26.8                    | 12.4                    | 53.8                            | 25.2                    | 307                                           |
| 45-49                                     | 41.7                    | 14.5                    | 21.7                    | 10.7                    | 45.4                            | 18.6                    | 226                                           |
| 50-54                                     | 41.5                    | 14.2                    | 29.4                    | 10.9                    | 48.7                            | 16.7                    | 209                                           |
| 55-64                                     | 41.0                    | 9.1                     | 17.5                    | 5.0                     | 44.1                            | 10.9                    | 306                                           |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |                         |                         |                         |                         |                                 |                         |                                               |
| Lower                                     | 55.1                    | 29.5                    | 33.6                    | 17.7                    | 61.4                            | 36.0                    | 1370                                          |
| Medium                                    | 46.0                    | 24.3                    | 26.3                    | 16.3                    | 51.8                            | 28.9                    | 825                                           |

|                          | Physical violence       |                         | Sexual violence*        |                         | Physical and/or sexual violence |                         | Number of ever-partnered women (unweighted N) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                          | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 month prevalence (%) | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 month prevalence (%) | Lifetime prevalence (%)         | 12 month prevalence (%) |                                               |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>     | 46.8                    | 24.8                    | 26.2                    | 14.9                    | 52.2                            | 29.8                    | 2540                                          |
| Higher                   | 31.5                    | 16.0                    | 10.9                    | 6.7                     | 34.1                            | 18.8                    | 345                                           |
| <b>Disability status</b> |                         |                         |                         |                         |                                 |                         |                                               |
| No difficulty            | 43.4                    | 24.3                    | 22.8                    | 13.9                    | 48.7                            | 29.2                    | 955                                           |
| Some difficulty          | 47.7                    | 24.4                    | 28.4                    | 15.5                    | 53.5                            | 29.5                    | 1329                                          |
| A lot of difficulty      | 53.2                    | 29.1                    | 26.3                    | 15.6                    | 57.2                            | 33.8                    | 227                                           |
| Cannot do at all         | 60.4                    | 25.9                    | 31.8                    | 13.7                    | 63.9                            | 29.4                    | 29                                            |

Notes: The survey included 2544 ever-partnered women. Due to missing data on intimate partner violence indicators for 4 women, the reported rates are based on a sample of 2540 women. AOG – Assemblies of God; CoC – Church of Christ; SDA – Seventh Day Adventist.

\* One respondent ended the interview before answering the question on sexual intimate partner violence, so the N for sexual violence is 2539.

**Table 4.2: Weighted prevalence of different acts of physical violence by husbands/partners, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024**

|                                              | Urban (N=482)     |                           | Rural (N=2058)    |                           | Total Vanuatu (N=2540) |                           |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                              | Ever happened (%) | During past 12 months (%) | Ever happened (%) | During past 12 months (%) | Ever happened (%)      | During past 12 months (%) |
| Slapped, threw something                     | 28.3              | 12.6                      | 44.6              | 20.7                      | 41.1                   | 19.0                      |
| Pushed or shoved                             | 9.7               | 5.4                       | 20.4              | 11.7                      | 18.1                   | 10.4                      |
| Hit with a fist or something else            | 21.1              | 9.2                       | 36.3              | 17.7                      | 33.0                   | 15.9                      |
| Kicked, dragged, beaten                      | 8.3               | 4.6                       | 18.2              | 8.9                       | 16.1                   | 8.0                       |
| Choked or burnt on purpose                   | 4.9               | 2.9                       | 6.6               | 4.0                       | 6.3                    | 3.7                       |
| Threatened with a gun, knife or weapon       | 6.9               | 4.0                       | 10.5              | 4.6                       | 9.7                    | 4.5                       |
| Actually used a gun, knife or other weapon   | 6.1               | 1.8                       | 5.9               | 2.7                       | 6.0                    | 2.5                       |
| <b>At least one act of physical violence</b> | <b>31.9</b>       | <b>15.6</b>               | <b>50.8</b>       | <b>27.3</b>               | <b>46.8</b>            | <b>24.8</b>               |

Note: The unweighted total ever-partnered respondents is 2544, but 4 did not answer the questions on intimate partner violence, so these rates are reported based on a total 2540 ever-partnered women.

Table 4.3: Weighted prevalence of physical partner violence by severity of types of physical violence, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Lifetime                        |                                |                                    | Current (previous 12 months)    |                                |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                           | Moderate physical violence* (%) | Severe physical violence** (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) | Moderate physical violence* (%) | Severe physical violence** (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 9.0                             | 37.8                           | 2540                               | 6.5                             | 18.3                           | 2540                               |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                 |                                |                                    |                                 |                                |                                    |
| Urban                                     | 6.5                             | 25.5                           | 482                                | 5.0                             | 10.6                           | 482                                |
| Rural                                     | 9.7                             | 41.2                           | 2058                               | 6.8                             | 20.4                           | 2058                               |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                 |                                |                                    |                                 |                                |                                    |
| Torba                                     | 11.1                            | 57.3                           | 171                                | 8.1                             | 19.0                           | 171                                |
| Sanma                                     | 9.9                             | 48.0                           | 329                                | 8.3                             | 21.3                           | 329                                |
| Penama                                    | 11.3                            | 44.1                           | 400                                | 6.1                             | 16.1                           | 400                                |
| Malampa                                   | 8.4                             | 49.5                           | 351                                | 4.4                             | 23.4                           | 351                                |
| Shefa                                     | 7.5                             | 29.0                           | 336                                | 5.4                             | 20.2                           | 336                                |
| Tafea                                     | 13.6                            | 44.0                           | 471                                | 11.1                            | 21.2                           | 471                                |
| Port Vila                                 | 4.4                             | 21.2                           | 264                                | 4.3                             | 10.3                           | 264                                |
| Luganville                                | 10.8                            | 34.5                           | 218                                | 6.4                             | 11.2                           | 218                                |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                 |                                |                                    |                                 |                                |                                    |
| Catholic                                  | 9.8                             | 37.2                           | 247                                | 3.6                             | 18.0                           | 247                                |
| Anglican                                  | 7.1                             | 42.8                           | 377                                | 6.5                             | 16.5                           | 377                                |
| AOG                                       | 6.8                             | 41.1                           | 165                                | 6.6                             | 24.6                           | 165                                |
| Church of Christ                          | 12.8                            | 37.0                           | 168                                | 5.0                             | 17.6                           | 168                                |
| Presbyterian                              | 8.4                             | 35.7                           | 679                                | 6.3                             | 18.0                           | 679                                |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 10.0                            | 37.6                           | 345                                | 7.0                             | 18.3                           | 345                                |
| Apostolic                                 | 4.9                             | 24.7                           | 87                                 | 4.8                             | 11.1                           | 87                                 |
| Other Christian                           | 10.2                            | 38.6                           | 389                                | 8.6                             | 19.2                           | 389                                |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 7.7                             | 49.3                           | 29                                 | 10.7                            | 25.2                           | 29                                 |
| No Religion/ No Answer                    | 7.5                             | 54.4                           | 54                                 | 4.2                             | 20.5                           | 54                                 |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                 |                                |                                    |                                 |                                |                                    |
| No education                              | 6.5                             | 40.5                           | 206                                | 7.4                             | 12.9                           | 206                                |
| Primary                                   | 9.8                             | 40.3                           | 1085                               | 6.4                             | 17.2                           | 1085                               |
| Secondary                                 | 8.9                             | 36.6                           | 1180                               | 6.7                             | 19.9                           | 1180                               |
| Higher/ Tertiary                          | 5.8                             | 25.1                           | 69                                 | 2.1                             | 17.9                           | 69                                 |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                                 |                                |                                    |                                 |                                |                                    |
| 15-19                                     | 13.5                            | 28.7                           | 83                                 | 13.5                            | 21.2                           | 83                                 |
| 15-17                                     | 11.8                            | 33.1                           | 24                                 | 11.8                            | 14.8                           | 24                                 |
| 18-19                                     | 14.4                            | 26.5                           | 59                                 | 14.4                            | 24.5                           | 59                                 |
| 20-24                                     | 8.9                             | 40.1                           | 273                                | 6.5                             | 33.0                           | 273                                |
| 25-29                                     | 12.2                            | 32.6                           | 387                                | 10.4                            | 22.6                           | 387                                |
| 30-34                                     | 8.3                             | 46.9                           | 424                                | 5.8                             | 23.7                           | 424                                |
| 35-39                                     | 6.9                             | 45.9                           | 325                                | 4.2                             | 21.6                           | 325                                |
| 40-44                                     | 8.8                             | 38.1                           | 307                                | 5.9                             | 13.2                           | 307                                |
| 45-49                                     | 8.9                             | 32.8                           | 226                                | 5.4                             | 9.1                            | 226                                |
| 50-54                                     | 5.3                             | 36.3                           | 209                                | 4.2                             | 10.0                           | 209                                |
| 55-64                                     | 8.6                             | 32.4                           | 306                                | 4.2                             | 4.9                            | 306                                |



|                              | Lifetime                        |                                |                                    | Current (previous 12 months)    |                                |                                    |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                              | Moderate physical violence* (%) | Severe physical violence** (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) | Moderate physical violence* (%) | Severe physical violence** (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 9.0                             | 37.8                           | 2540                               | 6.5                             | 18.3                           | 2540                               |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                 |                                |                                    |                                 |                                |                                    |
| Lower                        | 10.7                            | 44.4                           | 1370                               | 8.3                             | 21.3                           | 1370                               |
| Medium                       | 8.7                             | 37.3                           | 825                                | 4.5                             | 19.8                           | 825                                |
| Higher                       | 6.1                             | 25.4                           | 345                                | 6.2                             | 9.8                            | 345                                |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                 |                                |                                    |                                 |                                |                                    |
| No difficulty                | 8.9                             | 34.5                           | 955                                | 6.2                             | 18.1                           | 955                                |
| Some difficulty              | 8.6                             | 39.1                           | 1329                               | 6.5                             | 17.9                           | 1329                               |
| A lot of difficulty          | 12.2                            | 41.0                           | 227                                | 7.7                             | 21.3                           | 227                                |
| Cannot do at all             | 1.3                             | 59.1                           | 29                                 | 4.3                             | 21.5                           | 29                                 |

\* Moderate physical violence is defined as slapping, having something thrown at her that could hurt her, being pushed, shoved or having her hair pulled.

\*\* Severe physical violence is defined as: hitting with a fist or something else that could hurt her, being kicked, dragged, beaten up, choked or burnt on purpose, threatened with a weapon (gun, knife, wood, iron, axe) or actually being hit with a weapon; or moderate violence that has resulted in injuries.

Note: Rates in this table are weighted and calculated separately for moderate and severe; hence there is a small difference with total rates shown in Table 4.1.

Table 4.4: Weighted prevalence of specific acts of physical violence by husbands/partners in the past 12 months, and their frequency distribution (the number of times the acts happened), Vanuatu 2024

|                                              | Urban (N=482)        |                                |              |               |                | Rural (N=2058)       |                                |              |               |                | Total Vanuatu (N=2540) |                                |              |               |                |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                              | Unweighted count (N) | Happened in past 12 months (%) | One time (%) | Few times (%) | Many times (%) | Unweighted count (N) | Happened in past 12 months (%) | One time (%) | Few times (%) | Many times (%) | Unweighted count (N)   | Happened in past 12 months (%) | One time (%) | Few times (%) | Many times (%) |
| Slapped you or thrown something              | 63                   | 12.6                           | 44.0         | 38.9          | 17.1           | 455                  | 20.7                           | 42.6         | 42.1          | 15.3           | 518                    | 19.0                           | 42.8         | 41.7          | 15.5           |
| Pushed you or shoved you                     | 25                   | 5.4                            | 25.5         | 45.3          | 29.3           | 212                  | 11.7                           | 34.6         | 39.3          | 26.0           | 237                    | 10.4                           | 33.6         | 40.0          | 26.4           |
| Hit you with his fist or with something else | 47                   | 9.2                            | 40.1         | 37.7          | 22.2           | 362                  | 17.7                           | 34.3         | 48.0          | 17.6           | 409                    | 15.9                           | 35.0         | 46.8          | 18.2           |
| Kicked or dragged you*                       | 21                   | 4.6                            | 34.0         | 40.2          | 25.9           | 179                  | 8.9                            | 18.5         | 47.4          | 34.1           | 200                    | 8.0                            | 20.4         | 46.6          | 33.1           |
| Choked or burnt you*                         | 14                   | 2.9                            | 14.4         | 55.7          | 30.0           | 61                   | 4.0                            | 9.3          | 29.9          | 60.8           | 75                     | 3.7                            | 10.1         | 34.1          | 55.8           |
| Threatened with or used weapon*              | 19                   | 4.0                            | 46.9         | 24.4          | 28.7           | 89                   | 4.6                            | 17.3         | 38.1          | 44.6           | 108                    | 4.5                            | 22.8         | 35.6          | 41.6           |
| Actually used weapon*                        | 12                   | 1.8                            | 0.0          | 66.8          | 33.2           | 54                   | 2.7                            | 16.6         | 36.5          | 46.8           | 66                     | 2.5                            | 14.1         | 41.2          | 44.8           |
| At least one act of physical violence        | 79                   | 15.6                           | 46.9         | 36.5          | 16.5           | 567                  | 27.3                           | 43.1         | 43.0          | 14.0           | 646                    | 24.8                           | 43.6         | 42.1          | 14.3           |

\*Note: Ns of less than 25 (only relevant to the urban areas above) are considered to be less reliable.

Table 4.5: Weighted proportion of women who reported physical violence in pregnancy among ever-partnered, ever-pregnant women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Experienced physical violence during pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of ever-partnered ever-pregnant women* (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 12.2                                               | 2317                                                         |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                                    |                                                              |
| Urban                                     | 10.5                                               | 415                                                          |
| Rural                                     | 12.7                                               | 1902                                                         |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                    |                                                              |
| Torba                                     | 17.9                                               | 161                                                          |
| Sanma                                     | 19.5                                               | 301                                                          |
| Penama                                    | 11.6                                               | 383                                                          |
| Malampa                                   | 12.7                                               | 337                                                          |
| Shefa                                     | 8.2                                                | 295                                                          |
| Tafea                                     | 13.9                                               | 425                                                          |
| Port Vila                                 | 8.4                                                | 222                                                          |
| Luganville                                | 14.9                                               | 193                                                          |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                                    |                                                              |
| Catholic                                  | 9.7                                                | 232                                                          |
| Anglican                                  | 16.3                                               | 349                                                          |
| AOG                                       | 18.4                                               | 144                                                          |
| Church of Christ                          | 8.7                                                | 157                                                          |
| Presbyterian                              | 11.5                                               | 613                                                          |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 10.4                                               | 311                                                          |
| Apostolic                                 | 12.2                                               | 71                                                           |
| Other Christian                           | 12.8                                               | 366                                                          |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 13.4                                               | 25                                                           |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 16.4                                               | 49                                                           |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                                    |                                                              |
| No education                              | 11.5                                               | 189                                                          |
| Primary                                   | 11.3                                               | 1017                                                         |
| Secondary                                 | 13.1                                               | 1051                                                         |
| Higher/Tertiary                           | 12.1                                               | 60                                                           |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                                                    |                                                              |
| 15-19                                     | 5.6                                                | 32                                                           |
| 15-17**                                   |                                                    |                                                              |
| 18-19                                     | 5.0                                                | 29                                                           |
| 20-24                                     | 12.7                                               | 215                                                          |
| 25-29                                     | 12.3                                               | 355                                                          |
| 30-34                                     | 21.6                                               | 397                                                          |
| 35-39                                     | 11.9                                               | 312                                                          |
| 40-44                                     | 10.6                                               | 292                                                          |
| 45-49                                     | 9.1                                                | 215                                                          |
| 50-54                                     | 11.1                                               | 204                                                          |
| 55-64                                     | 6.7                                                | 295                                                          |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |                                                    |                                                              |
| Lower                                     | 13.0                                               | 1276                                                         |
| Medium                                    | 13.3                                               | 734                                                          |
| Higher                                    | 8.6                                                | 307                                                          |

|                          | Experienced physical violence during pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of ever-partnered ever-pregnant women* (N) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>     | 12.2                                               | 2317                                                         |
| <b>Disability status</b> |                                                    |                                                              |
| No difficulty            | 9.9                                                | 860                                                          |
| Some difficulty          | 14.1                                               | 1230                                                         |
| A lot of difficulty      | 10.3                                               | 202                                                          |
| Cannot do at all         | 15.6                                               | 25                                                           |

\* The filter used to identify women who experienced violence during pregnancy was too restrictive. This led to 31 ever-pregnant women not being asked the relevant questions. While there were 2351 ever-pregnant and ever-partnered women who should have been asked, only 2317 responded to question 709. Ten of these 2317 respondents did not answer this question.

\*\* These findings are suppressed due to very small numbers (less than 20 respondents in this category), which renders findings unreliable.

Table 4.6: Weighted rates and characteristics of violence during pregnancy as reported by ever-partnered, ever-pregnant women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Ever-pregnant women                |                                                               | Women ever beaten during a pregnancy |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         | Women beaten during pregnancy by the same person as before the pregnancy |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           | Ever beaten during a pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of ever-partnered, ever-pregnant women* (N) | Punched or kicked in abdomen (%)     | Penetrated with hand or object while pregnant, in order to harm the baby (%) | Beaten in most recent pregnancy by father of child (%) | Living with person who beat her while pregnant (%) | Beaten by same person as before the pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of women ever beaten in pregnancy (N) | Beating got less during pregnancy (%)                                    | Beating stayed the same (%) | Beating got worse (%) | No answer (%) | Unweighted number of women beaten by the same person before the pregnancy (N) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 12.2                               | 2317                                                          | <b>41.3</b>                          | <b>3.3</b>                                                                   | <b>80.5</b>                                            | <b>95.2</b>                                        | <b>90.0</b>                                       | <b>299</b>                                              | 64.6                                                                     | 25.3                        | 9.2                   | <b>0.9</b>    | <b>261</b>                                                                    |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Urban                                     | 10.5                               | 415                                                           | 50.6                                 | 2.3                                                                          | 74.7                                                   | 98.5                                               | 85.1                                              | 49                                                      | 51.8                                                                     | 42.8                        | 5.4                   | 0.0           | 40                                                                            |
| Rural                                     | 12.7                               | 1902                                                          | 39.4                                 | 3.5                                                                          | 81.8                                                   | 94.5                                               | 91.0                                              | 250                                                     | 67.2                                                                     | 21.8                        | 10.0                  | 1.1           | 221                                                                           |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Torba                                     | 17.9                               | 161                                                           | 38.6                                 | 2.6                                                                          | 77.7                                                   | 100.0                                              | 83.7                                              | 25                                                      | 77.9                                                                     | 22.1                        | 0.0                   | 0.0           | 20                                                                            |
| Sanma                                     | 19.5                               | 301                                                           | 35.1                                 | 3.8                                                                          | 81.2                                                   | 96.8                                               | 89.5                                              | 58                                                      | 53.9                                                                     | 34.7                        | 11.4                  | 0.0           | 50                                                                            |
| Penama                                    | 11.6                               | 383                                                           | 18.9                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 65.7                                                   | 95.1                                               | 94.2                                              | 43                                                      | 79.5                                                                     | 12.3                        | 6.2                   | 2.0           | 40                                                                            |
| Malampa                                   | 12.7                               | 337                                                           | 46.9                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 86.6                                                   | 94.8                                               | 87.4                                              | 42                                                      | 77.0                                                                     | 19.4                        | 3.6                   | 0.0           | 37                                                                            |
| Shefa                                     | 8.2                                | 295                                                           | 34.3                                 | 2.8                                                                          | 90.7                                                   | 89.7                                               | 98.4                                              | 23                                                      | 60.2                                                                     | 10.8                        | 25.3                  | 3.6           | 22                                                                            |
| Tafea                                     | 13.9                               | 425                                                           | 61                                   | 10.9                                                                         | 81.7                                                   | 93.8                                               | 88.6                                              | 59                                                      | 71.8                                                                     | 27.1                        | 1.1                   | 0.0           | 52                                                                            |
| Pt Vila**                                 | 8.4                                | 222                                                           |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Luganville                                | 14.9                               | 193                                                           | 49.3                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 82.2                                                   | 96.6                                               | 81.0                                              | 35                                                      | 42.4                                                                     | 50.5                        | 7.1                   | 0.0           | 28                                                                            |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Catholic                                  | 9.7                                | 232                                                           | 48.4                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 75.5                                                   | 96.8                                               | 91.3                                              | 26                                                      | 66.2                                                                     | 26.7                        | 7.1                   | 0.0           | 25                                                                            |
| Anglican                                  | 16.3                               | 349                                                           | 33                                   | 2.3                                                                          | 81.2                                                   | 98.0                                               | 90.8                                              | 54                                                      | 72.1                                                                     | 19.2                        | 7.1                   | 1.6           | 48                                                                            |
| AoG                                       | 18.4                               | 144                                                           | 40.3                                 | 11.3                                                                         | 81.2                                                   | 78.5                                               | 86.0                                              | 25                                                      | 45.2                                                                     | 27.4                        | 27.4                  | 0.0           | 21                                                                            |
| CoC**                                     | 8.7                                | 157                                                           |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Presbyt'n                                 | 11.5                               | 613                                                           | 38.9                                 | 1.1                                                                          | 85.4                                                   | 98.2                                               | 92.8                                              | 71                                                      | 73.9                                                                     | 17.1                        | 7.4                   | 1.6           | 65                                                                            |
| SDA                                       | 10.4                               | 311                                                           | 64.8                                 | 4.7                                                                          | 87.3                                                   | 97.8                                               | 88.9                                              | 36                                                      | 67.6                                                                     | 31.1                        | 1.3                   | 0.0           | 30                                                                            |
| Apostol**                                 | 12.2                               | 71                                                            |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Other Christian                           | 12.8                               | 366                                                           | 33.8                                 | 5.1                                                                          | 75.3                                                   | 96.6                                               | 90.5                                              | 52                                                      | 51.1                                                                     | 32.7                        | 15.1                  | 1.1           | 44                                                                            |

|                                | Ever-pregnant women                |                                                               | Women ever beaten during a pregnancy |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         | Women beaten during pregnancy by the same person as before the pregnancy |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                | Ever beaten during a pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of ever-partnered, ever-pregnant women* (N) | Punched or kicked in abdomen (%)     | Penetrated with hand or object while pregnant, in order to harm the baby (%) | Beaten in most recent pregnancy by father of child (%) | Living with person who beat her while pregnant (%) | Beaten by same person as before the pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of women ever beaten in pregnancy (N) | Beating got less during pregnancy (%)                                    | Beating stayed the same (%) | Beating got worse (%) | No answer (%) | Unweighted number of women beaten by the same person before the pregnancy (N) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 12.2                               | 2317                                                          | <b>41.3</b>                          | <b>3.3</b>                                                                   | <b>80.5</b>                                            | <b>95.2</b>                                        | <b>90.0</b>                                       | <b>299</b>                                              | 64.6                                                                     | 25.3                        | 9.2                   | <b>0.9</b>    | <b>261</b>                                                                    |
| Other Non-Chris**              | 13.4                               | 25                                                            |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| No Rel'n/ No Ans**             | 16.4                               | 49                                                            |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| No educ'n**                    | 11.5                               | 189                                                           | 50.6                                 | 3.7                                                                          | 77.9                                                   | 87.2                                               | 84.7                                              | 22                                                      |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Primary                        | 11.3                               | 1017                                                          | 47.0                                 | 2.7                                                                          | 84.6                                                   | 98.5                                               | 93.7                                              | 114                                                     | 70.3                                                                     | 26.9                        | 1.2                   | 1.6           | 102                                                                           |
| Secondary                      | 13.1                               | 1051                                                          | 35.8                                 | 3.9                                                                          | 80.8                                                   | 93.4                                               | 87.6                                              | 155                                                     | 60.4                                                                     | 23.4                        | 15.8                  | 0.5           | 134                                                                           |
| Higher/ Tertiary**             | 12.1                               | 60                                                            |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| 15-19**                        | 5.6                                | 32                                                            |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| 15-17**                        |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| 18-19**                        | 5.0                                | 29                                                            |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| 20-24                          | 12.7                               | 215                                                           | 36.3                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 79.4                                                   | 97.5                                               | 84.2                                              | 38                                                      | 63.0                                                                     | 36.0                        | 1.0                   | 0.0           | 32                                                                            |
| 25-29                          | 12.3                               | 355                                                           | 44.6                                 | 2.7                                                                          | 82.3                                                   | 98.8                                               | 91.6                                              | 44                                                      | 69.3                                                                     | 28.6                        | 2.1                   | 0.0           | 39                                                                            |
| 30-34                          | 21.6                               | 397                                                           | 47.2                                 | 2.3                                                                          | 87.6                                                   | 92.3                                               | 96.5                                              | 68                                                      | 55.9                                                                     | 22.8                        | 21.3                  | 0.0           | 62                                                                            |
| 35-39                          | 11.9                               | 312                                                           | 37.4                                 | 7.5                                                                          | 74.1                                                   | 94.5                                               | 80.1                                              | 42                                                      | 59.7                                                                     | 34.4                        | 5.9                   | 0.0           | 35                                                                            |
| 40-44                          | 10.6                               | 292                                                           | 33.0                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 64.0                                                   | 94.6                                               | 85.8                                              | 30                                                      | 80.5                                                                     | 3.3                         | 10.0                  | 6.1           | 25                                                                            |
| 45-49                          | 9.1                                | 215                                                           | 43.9                                 | 14.4                                                                         | 81.9                                                   | 94.3                                               | 94.3                                              | 25                                                      | 67.9                                                                     | 29.0                        | 0.0                   | 3.1           | 23                                                                            |
| 50-54                          | 11.1                               | 204                                                           | 47.5                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 73.0                                                   | 96.9                                               | 92.0                                              | 22                                                      | 67.2                                                                     | 32.8                        | 0.0                   | 0.0           | 20                                                                            |
| 55-64                          | 6.7                                | 295                                                           | 31.3                                 | 5.8                                                                          | 93.0                                                   | 96.4                                               | 85.0                                              | 25                                                      | 67.0                                                                     | 25.0                        | 8.0                   | 0.0           | 20                                                                            |

|                              | Ever-pregnant women                |                                                               | Women ever beaten during a pregnancy |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         | Women beaten during pregnancy by the same person as before the pregnancy |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                              | Ever beaten during a pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of ever-partnered, ever-pregnant women* (N) | Punched or kicked in abdomen (%)     | Penetrated with hand or object while pregnant, in order to harm the baby (%) | Beaten in most recent pregnancy by father of child (%) | Living with person who beat her while pregnant (%) | Beaten by same person as before the pregnancy (%) | Unweighted number of women ever beaten in pregnancy (N) | Beating got less during pregnancy (%)                                    | Beating stayed the same (%) | Beating got worse (%) | No answer (%) | Unweighted number of women beaten by the same person before the pregnancy (N) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 12.2                               | 2317                                                          | <b>41.3</b>                          | <b>3.3</b>                                                                   | <b>80.5</b>                                            | <b>95.2</b>                                        | <b>90.0</b>                                       | <b>299</b>                                              | 64.6                                                                     | 25.3                        | 9.2                   | <b>0.9</b>    | <b>261</b>                                                                    |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| Lower                        | 13.0                               | 1276                                                          | 43.4                                 | 4.1                                                                          | 81.1                                                   | 96.6                                               | 89.8                                              | 170                                                     | 68.6                                                                     | 25.0                        | 5.9                   | 0.5           | 151                                                                           |
| Medium                       | 13.3                               | 734                                                           | 44.5                                 | 3.6                                                                          | 80.2                                                   | 98.7                                               | 88.2                                              | 105                                                     | 63.8                                                                     | 31.7                        | 3.4                   | 1.1           | 88                                                                            |
| Higher                       | 8.6                                | 307                                                           | 26                                   | 0                                                                            | 79.3                                                   | 80.9                                               | 95.6                                              | 24                                                      | 54.3                                                                     | 10.2                        | 34.0                  | 1.5           | 22                                                                            |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                    |                                                               |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |
| No difficulty                | 9.9                                | 860                                                           | 39.2                                 | 3.3                                                                          | 79.4                                                   | 91.6                                               | 89.9                                              | 86                                                      | 67.6                                                                     | 17.5                        | 14.9                  | 0.0           | 75                                                                            |
| Some difficulty              | 14.1                               | 1230                                                          | 42.6                                 | 3.8                                                                          | 82.7                                                   | 98.1                                               | 91.5                                              | 180                                                     | 63.0                                                                     | 27.8                        | 7.9                   | 1.4           | 160                                                                           |
| A lot of difficulty          | 10.3                               | 202                                                           | 37.6                                 | 0.0                                                                          | 71.6                                                   | 84.9                                               | 77.6                                              | 29                                                      | 61.8                                                                     | 38.2                        | 0.0                   | 0.0           | 22                                                                            |
| Cannot do at all**           | 15.6                               | 25                                                            |                                      |                                                                              |                                                        |                                                    |                                                   |                                                         |                                                                          |                             |                       |               |                                                                               |

\* The filter used to identify women who experienced violence during pregnancy was too restrictive. This led to 31 ever-pregnant women not being asked the relevant questions. While there were 2351 ever-pregnant and ever-partnered women who should have been asked, only 2317 responded to question 709. Ten of these 2317 respondents did not answer this question.

\*\* These findings are suppressed due to very small numbers (less than 20 respondents in these categories), which renders findings unreliable.



Table 4.7: Weighted prevalence of specific acts of sexual violence by husbands/partners, as reported by ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                                     | Urban (N=481)     |                                | Rural (N=2058)    |                                | Total Vanuatu (N=2539)* |                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                     | Ever happened (%) | Happened in past 12 months (%) | Ever happened (%) | Happened in past 12 months (%) | Ever happened (%)       | Happened in past 12 months (%) |
| Physically forced to have sexual intercourse when she did not want to                               | 14.0              | 8.1                            | 21.6              | 12.8                           | 20.0                    | 11.8                           |
| Had sexual intercourse when she did not want to because she was afraid of what her partner might do | 10.3              | 6.5                            | 17.2              | 8.6                            | 15.8                    | 8.2                            |
| Forced to perform degrading or humiliating sexual act                                               | 7.4               | 4.8                            | 10.6              | 6.3                            | 9.9                     | 5.9                            |
| At least one act of sexual violence                                                                 | 17.2              | 10.8                           | 28.7              | 16.0                           | 26.2                    | 14.9                           |

\* One respondent ended the interview before answering the question on sexual intimate partner violence, so the N for sexual violence is 2539.

Table 4.8: Weighted prevalence of specific acts of sexual violence by husbands/partners in the past 12 months, and the frequency of each act, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                                     | Urban (N=481) |                                |              |               |                | Rural (N=2058) |                                |              |               |                | Total Vanuatu (N=2539)* |                                |              |               |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                                                                                     | N             | Happened in past 12 months (%) | One time (%) | Few times (%) | Many times (%) | N              | Happened in past 12 months (%) | One time (%) | Few times (%) | Many times (%) | Unweighted count (N)    | Happened in past 12 months (%) | One time (%) | Few times (%) | Many times (%) |
| Physically forced to have sexual intercourse when she did not want to                               | 35            | 8.1                            | 40.4         | 42.5          | 17.1           | 274            | 12.8                           | 41.0         | 47.3          | 11.6           | 309                     | 11.8                           | 40.9         | 46.6          | 12.4           |
| Had sexual intercourse when she did not want to because she was afraid of what her partner might do | 25            | 6.5                            | 37.4         | 49.8          | 12.9           | 174            | 8.6                            | 37.1         | 50.5          | 12.4           | 199                     | 8.2                            | 37.1         | 50.4          | 12.5           |
| Forced to perform degrading or humiliating sexual act                                               | 21            | 4.8                            | 31.8         | 47.9          | 20.2           | 112            | 6.3                            | 38.0         | 39.6          | 22.4           | 133                     | 5.9                            | 36.9         | 41.0          | 22.0           |
| At least one act of sexual violence                                                                 | 44            | 10.8                           | 27.3         | 56.5          | 16.2           | 332            | 16.0                           | 39.8         | 46.5          | 13.8           | 376                     | 14.9                           | 37.9         | 48.0          | 14.1           |

\* One respondent ended the interview before answering the question on sexual intimate partner violence, so the N for sexual violence is 2539. N – refers to unweighted count of women who experienced each act in the last 12 months.

Table 4.8a: Weighted frequency of physical violence being followed by forced sex by husbands/partners, Vanuatu 2024

|                        | Urban<br>(N=168)<br>% | Rural<br>(N=1110)<br>% | Total Vanuatu<br>(N=1278*)<br>% |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Never                  | 72.5                  | 69.0                   | 69.5                            |
| Once or twice          | 10.9                  | 16.4                   | 15.6                            |
| Several times          | 7.2                   | 9.8                    | 9.4                             |
| Many/most of the times | 8.5                   | 4.8                    | 5.4                             |
| Refused/No answer      | 0.9                   | 0.0                    | 0.1                             |

\* The number of ever-partnered women who have experienced physical intimate partner violence during their lifetime is 1281. Three of these women terminated the interview before getting to this question and have therefore been excluded from this analysis, resulting in a denominator for this table of 1278.

Table 4.9: Weighted prevalence of emotional partner violence, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Lifetime<br>prevalence (%) | 12 month<br>prevalence (%) | Unweighted number of ever-<br>partnered women (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>64.4</b>                | <b>44.1</b>                | <b>2540</b>                                       |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                            |                            |                                                   |
| Urban                                     | 57.4                       | 36.8                       | 482                                               |
| Rural                                     | 66.2                       | 46.1                       | 2058                                              |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                            |                            |                                                   |
| Torba                                     | 83.2                       | 49.1                       | 171                                               |
| Sanma                                     | 72.6                       | 50.1                       | 329                                               |
| Penama                                    | 70                         | 41                         | 400                                               |
| Malampa                                   | 73.1                       | 50.8                       | 351                                               |
| Shefa                                     | 53.4                       | 42.1                       | 336                                               |
| Tafea                                     | 71.4                       | 49.3                       | 471                                               |
| Port Vila                                 | 52.9                       | 36.3                       | 264                                               |
| Luganville                                | 67.0                       | 37.7                       | 218                                               |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                            |                            |                                                   |
| Catholic                                  | 63.7                       | 39.3                       | 247                                               |
| Anglican                                  | 69.6                       | 45.7                       | 377                                               |
| AOG                                       | 66.2                       | 50.5                       | 165                                               |
| Church of Christ                          | 70.8                       | 41.3                       | 168                                               |
| Presbyterian                              | 63.5                       | 45.3                       | 679                                               |
| Seventh Day<br>Adventist                  | 63.1                       | 44.2                       | 345                                               |
| Apostolic                                 | 62.8                       | 43.7                       | 87                                                |
| Other Christian                           | 60.2                       | 43.2                       | 389                                               |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 56.1                       | 33.9                       | 29                                                |
| No Religion/ No<br>Answer                 | 82.6                       | 48.1                       | 54                                                |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                            |                            |                                                   |
| No education                              | 59.6                       | 37                         | 206                                               |
| Primary                                   | 67.1                       | 42.8                       | 1085                                              |
| Secondary                                 | 63.3                       | 47                         | 1180                                              |
| Higher/ Tertiary                          | 57.6                       | 30.3                       | 69                                                |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                            |                            |                                                   |
| 15-19                                     | 61.6                       | 53.5                       | 83                                                |
| 15-17                                     | 59.6                       | 42.7                       | 24                                                |
| 18-19                                     | 62.7                       | 59                         | 59                                                |

|                              | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 month prevalence (%) | Unweighted number of ever-partnered women (N) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | <b>64.4</b>             | <b>44.1</b>             | <b>2540</b>                                   |
| 20-24                        | 70.5                    | 58.6                    | 273                                           |
| 25-29                        | 66.5                    | 52.9                    | 387                                           |
| 30-34                        | 73.6                    | 51.4                    | 424                                           |
| 35-39                        | 65.9                    | 48.7                    | 325                                           |
| 40-44                        | 68.7                    | 47                      | 307                                           |
| 45-49                        | 54.9                    | 29.7                    | 226                                           |
| 50-54                        | 57.8                    | 29.7                    | 209                                           |
| 55-64                        | 51.4                    | 19.7                    | 306                                           |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                         |                         |                                               |
| Lower                        | 71.3                    | 48.7                    | 1370                                          |
| Medium                       | 65.2                    | 43.8                    | 825                                           |
| Higher                       | 48.5                    | 35.4                    | 345                                           |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                         |                         |                                               |
| No difficulty                | 62.1                    | 44.1                    | 955                                           |
| Some difficulty              | 63.6                    | 42.7                    | 1329                                          |
| A lot of difficulty          | 74.7                    | 51.2                    | 227                                           |
| Cannot do at all             | 81.8                    | 55.1                    | 29                                            |

Note: Due to a minor variation in internal computational precision between complex table commands, the weighted prevalence for emotional partner violence was calculated as 64.346% in Table 4.9 and 64.354% in Table 4.16. To ensure consistent reporting to one decimal place, the prevalence rate is presented as 64.4% throughout the document.

Table 4.10: Weighted lifetime and current prevalence of different acts of emotional partner violence, and frequency of these acts in the past 12 months, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024

| Different acts of emotional partner violence          | Among ever-partnered women (N=2540) |                           | Frequency distribution of number of times acts happened in past 12 months |              |               |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                                       | Ever happened (%)                   | During past 12 months (%) | Unweighted N                                                              | One time (%) | Few times (%) | Many times (%) |
| Insulted you or made you feel bad                     | 60.5                                | 39.9                      | 1063                                                                      | 40.1         | 42.5          | 17.4           |
| Belittled or humiliated in front of parents or family | 28.9                                | 18.5                      | 448                                                                       | 41.9         | 43.0          | 15.1           |
| Belittled or humiliated in front of other people      | 24.9                                | 16.0                      | 379                                                                       | 46.8         | 39.8          | 13.4           |
| Scared or intimidated you                             | 25.5                                | 17.4                      | 430                                                                       | 39.4         | 45.4          | 15.2           |
| Threatened to hurt you or someone you care about      | 12.10                               | 7.7                       | 177                                                                       | 38.6         | 39.0          | 22.4           |
| <b>Any one act of emotional violence</b>              | <b>64.4</b>                         | <b>44.1</b>               | <b>1151</b>                                                               |              |               |                |

Table 4.10a: Weighted percentage of women who fear their husband/partner now, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024

| Percentage of women who said they are currently afraid of their current/most recent partner: |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                              | Never (%)   | Sometimes (%) | Most/all of the time (%) | In the past (no longer afraid now) (%) | Don't know/ Don't Remember | Refused/ No answer | Sometimes+ most/all the time (%) | P-value by type of violence* | Unweighted number of ever partnered women (N)** |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                         | <b>65.5</b> | <b>25.3</b>   | <b>5.1</b>               | <b>2.8</b>                             | <b>0.3</b>                 | <b>1.0</b>         | <b>30.4</b>                      |                              | <b>2539</b>                                     |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                                                                          |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| Urban                                                                                        | 72.4        | 17.1          | 4.8                      | 4.1                                    | 0.3                        | 1.3                | 21.9                             |                              | 481                                             |
| Rural                                                                                        | 63.6        | 27.5          | 5.2                      | 2.5                                    | 0.3                        | 0.9                | 32.7                             |                              | 2058                                            |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b>                                                    |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| Torba                                                                                        | 48.1        | 26.5          | 5.1                      | 19.2                                   | 1.0                        | 0.0                | 31.6                             |                              | 171                                             |
| Sanma                                                                                        | 54.0        | 31.6          | 10.4                     | 1.4                                    | 0.8                        | 1.7                | 42.0                             |                              | 329                                             |
| Penama                                                                                       | 79.1        | 18.6          | 2.1                      | 0.3                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 20.7                             |                              | 400                                             |
| Malampa                                                                                      | 61.9        | 27.1          | 3.2                      | 5.5                                    | 0.0                        | 2.4                | 30.3                             |                              | 351                                             |
| Shefa                                                                                        | 75.9        | 19.0          | 4.2                      | 0.7                                    | 0.0                        | 0.3                | 23.2                             |                              | 336                                             |
| Tafea                                                                                        | 39.5        | 49.9          | 6.9                      | 2.1                                    | 0.8                        | 0.8                | 56.8                             |                              | 471                                             |
| Port Vila                                                                                    | 78.4        | 14.4          | 3.3                      | 2.5                                    | 0.0                        | 1.3                | 17.7                             |                              | 264                                             |
| Luganville                                                                                   | 59.9        | 22.6          | 7.8                      | 7.4                                    | 0.9                        | 1.3                | 30.4                             |                              | 217                                             |
| <b>Religion</b>                                                                              |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| Catholic                                                                                     | 72.0        | 21.5          | 3.6                      | 1.3                                    | 0.8                        | 1.2                | 25.1                             |                              | 247                                             |
| Anglican                                                                                     | 69.8        | 21.1          | 3.0                      | 7.0                                    | 0.5                        | 0.0                | 24.1                             |                              | 377                                             |
| AOG                                                                                          | 53.3        | 19.7          | 8.5                      | 1.0                                    | 0.5                        | 0.2                | 28.2                             |                              | 165                                             |
| Church of Christ                                                                             | 63.1        | 36.5          | 4.0                      | 2.7                                    | 0.0                        | 0.8                | 40.5                             |                              | 168                                             |
| Presbyterian                                                                                 | 65.3        | 29.4          | 5.6                      | 2.5                                    | 0.0                        | 1.0                | 35.0                             |                              | 679                                             |
| Seventh Day Adventist                                                                        | 68.6        | 25.5          | 4.0                      | 2.7                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 29.5                             |                              | 345                                             |
| Apostolic                                                                                    | 69.0        | 24.7          | 3.0                      | 3.7                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 27.7                             |                              | 86                                              |
| Other Christian                                                                              | 63.1        | 24.4          | 7.0                      | 2.5                                    | 0.6                        | 2.9                | 31.4                             |                              | 389                                             |
| Other Non-Christian                                                                          | 46.3        | 23.9          | 9.3                      | 4.0                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 33.2                             |                              | 29                                              |
| No Religion/ No Answer                                                                       | 57.8        | 37.1          | 3.0                      | 2.0                                    | 2.1                        | 0.0                | 40.1                             |                              | 54                                              |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>                                                               |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| No education                                                                                 | 59.7        | 35.6          | 1.8                      | 2.8                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 37.4                             |                              | 206                                             |
| Primary                                                                                      | 62.7        | 27.2          | 5.3                      | 3.3                                    | 0.2                        | 1.2                | 32.5                             |                              | 1084                                            |

| Percentage of women who said they are currently afraid of their current/most recent partner: |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                              | Never (%)   | Sometimes (%) | Most/all of the time (%) | In the past (no longer afraid now) (%) | Don't know/ Don't Remember | Refused/ No answer | Sometimes+ most/all the time (%) | P-value by type of violence* | Unweighted number of ever partnered women (N)** |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                         | <b>65.5</b> | <b>25.3</b>   | <b>5.1</b>               | <b>2.8</b>                             | <b>0.3</b>                 | <b>1.0</b>         | <b>30.4</b>                      |                              | <b>2539</b>                                     |
| Secondary                                                                                    | 67.5        | 23.8          | 5.5                      | 2.3                                    | 0.2                        | 0.6                | 29.3                             |                              | 1180                                            |
| Higher/ Tertiary                                                                             | 75.1        | 8.6           | 2.6                      | 5.4                                    | 2.5                        | 5.9                | 11.2                             |                              | 69                                              |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>                                                               |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| 15-19                                                                                        | 56.3        | 32.5          | 7.3                      | 1.0                                    | 0.6                        | 2.3                | 39.8                             |                              | 83                                              |
| 15-17                                                                                        | 51.1        | 31.5          | 10.6                     | 0.0                                    | 0.0                        | 6.7                | 42.1                             |                              | 24                                              |
| 18-19                                                                                        | 58.9        | 33.0          | 5.5                      | 1.5                                    | 1.0                        | 0.0                | 38.5                             |                              | 59                                              |
| 20-24                                                                                        | 60.2        | 31.0          | 4.4                      | 1.3                                    | 0.3                        | 2.8                | 35.4                             |                              | 273                                             |
| 25-29                                                                                        | 63.3        | 26.2          | 6.0                      | 2.4                                    | 0.5                        | 1.6                | 32.2                             |                              | 387                                             |
| 30-34                                                                                        | 63.4        | 26.1          | 7.5                      | 2.8                                    | 0.2                        | 0.0                | 33.6                             |                              | 424                                             |
| 35-39                                                                                        | 66.3        | 22.6          | 4.9                      | 4.2                                    | 0.4                        | 1.5                | 27.5                             |                              | 325                                             |
| 40-44                                                                                        | 64.3        | 26.8          | 5.1                      | 3.2                                    | 0.6                        | 0.0                | 31.9                             |                              | 307                                             |
| 45-49                                                                                        | 73.3        | 19.5          | 2.9                      | 3.5                                    | 0.2                        | 0.5                | 22.4                             |                              | 225                                             |
| 50-54                                                                                        | 67.2        | 22.7          | 4.2                      | 5.3                                    | 0.0                        | 0.5                | 26.9                             |                              | 209                                             |
| 55-64                                                                                        | 73.9        | 20.4          | 3.3                      | 2.2                                    | 0.0                        | 0.2                | 23.7                             |                              | 306                                             |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>                                                                 |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| Lower                                                                                        | 59.2        | 30.8          | 5.9                      | 3.1                                    | 0.4                        | 0.6                | 36.7                             |                              | 1370                                            |
| Medium                                                                                       | 67.4        | 24.4          | 4.2                      | 2.5                                    | 0.2                        | 1.3                | 28.6                             |                              | 824                                             |
| Higher                                                                                       | 74.9        | 15.5          | 5.3                      | 2.8                                    | 0.3                        | 1.2                | 20.8                             |                              | 345                                             |
| <b>Disability status</b>                                                                     |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| No difficulty                                                                                | 68.6        | 23.8          | 3.7                      | 2.4                                    | 0.3                        | 1.3                | 27.5                             |                              | 955                                             |
| Some difficulty                                                                              | 63.9        | 26.6          | 5.6                      | 2.9                                    | 0.2                        | 0.9                | 32.2                             |                              | 1327                                            |
| A lot of difficulty                                                                          | 63.6        | 22.6          | 8.0                      | 4.2                                    | 1.1                        | 0.4                | 30.6                             |                              | 226                                             |
| Cannot do at all                                                                             | 57.1        | 39.1          | 0.0                      | 3.8                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 39.1                             |                              | 29                                              |
| <b>By type of partner violence*</b>                                                          |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| Sexual only (and NOT physical)                                                               | 67.7        | 19.9          | 8.4                      | 1.6                                    | 1.5                        | 0.9                | 28.3                             | 0.439                        | 136                                             |
| Physical only (and NOT sexual)                                                               | 52.7        | 40.0          | 3.4                      | 3.8                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 43.4                             | <.001                        | 685                                             |
| <b>BOTH sexual and physical</b>                                                              | <b>31.0</b> | <b>45.9</b>   | <b>17.6</b>              | <b>5.5</b>                             | <b>0.2</b>                 | <b>0.0</b>         | <b>63.5</b>                      | <b>&lt;.001</b>              | <b>595</b>                                      |

| Percentage of women who said they are currently afraid of their current/most recent partner: |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                              | Never (%)   | Sometimes (%) | Most/all of the time (%) | In the past (no longer afraid now) (%) | Don't know/ Don't Remember | Refused/ No answer | Sometimes+ most/all the time (%) | P-value by type of violence* | Unweighted number of ever partnered women (N)** |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                         | <b>65.5</b> | <b>25.3</b>   | <b>5.1</b>               | <b>2.8</b>                             | <b>0.3</b>                 | <b>1.0</b>         | <b>30.4</b>                      |                              | <b>2539</b>                                     |
| Emotional                                                                                    | 53.8        | 34.7          | 7.5                      | 3.9                                    | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 42.2                             | <.001                        | 1713                                            |
| <b>By number of acts of controlling behaviour</b>                                            |             |               |                          |                                        |                            |                    |                                  |                              |                                                 |
| At least one type of controlling behaviour                                                   | 60.3        | 29.7          | 6.4                      | 3.5                                    | 0.1                        | 0.1                | 36.1                             | <.001                        | 1832                                            |
| None of any controlling acts/behaviours                                                      | 79.2        | 13.6          | 1.7                      | 1.1                                    | 1.0                        | 3.4                | 15.3                             | <.001                        | 707                                             |
| One controlling act                                                                          | 80.5        | 15.7          | 1.4                      | 2.2                                    | 0.1                        | 0.0                | 17.1                             | <.001                        | 335                                             |
| 2-3 controlling acts                                                                         | 70.3        | 23.3          | 2.6                      | 3.6                                    | 0.0                        | 0.3                | 25.9                             | <.001                        | 704                                             |
| <b>4+ controlling acts</b>                                                                   | <b>44.3</b> | <b>40.3</b>   | <b>11.4</b>              | <b>3.9</b>                             | <b>0.1</b>                 | <b>0.0</b>         | <b>51.7</b>                      | <b>&lt;.001</b>              | 793                                             |

\* P-values use Pearson Chi-Square Asymptotic Significance (2-sided) test of statistical significance on unweighted data. The p-value indicates the probability that an observed association is due to random chance. A p value less than 0.05 is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

\*\* One ever-partnered respondent ended the interview before answering this question and has therefore been excluded from the analysis.

Table 4.11a: Weighted prevalence of different controlling behaviours by partners during the lifetime, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu

|                                           | Keeps her from seeing her friends (%) | Tries to restrict contact with family of birth (%) | Insists on knowing where she is at all times (%) | Ignores you and treats her indifferently (%) | Gets angry if she speaks with another man (%) | Often suspicious that she is unfaithful (%) | Needs to ask his permission before seeking health care (%) | Needs to ask his permission before doing anything (%) | At least one type of controlling behaviour (%) | Three or more acts of controlling behaviour (%) | None (%) | 1 (%) | 2 or 3 (%) | 4 or more (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 26.9                                  | 10.4                                               | 55.1                                             | 16.1                                         | 32.0                                          | 28.6                                        | 43.3                                                       | 48.5                                                  | 72.7                                           | 46.4                                            | 27.3     | 13.2  | 26.4       | 33.1          | <b>2540</b>                        |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Urban                                     | 25.0                                  | 9.8                                                | 52.8                                             | 13.4                                         | 29.3                                          | 18.9                                        | 33.5                                                       | 40.2                                                  | 68.3                                           | 39.1                                            | 31.7     | 14.4  | 27.6       | 26.2          | 482                                |
| Rural                                     | 27.4                                  | 10.5                                               | 55.7                                             | 16.8                                         | 32.7                                          | 31.3                                        | 45.9                                                       | 50.7                                                  | 73.8                                           | 48.4                                            | 26.2     | 12.9  | 26.0       | 35.0          | 2058                               |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Torba                                     | 25.6                                  | 15.5                                               | 50.8                                             | 21.8                                         | 34.6                                          | 38.0                                        | 22.9                                                       | 41.4                                                  | 71.9                                           | 43.4                                            | 28.1     | 13.1  | 27.1       | 31.7          | 171                                |
| Sanma                                     | 37.9                                  | 16.2                                               | 64.5                                             | 21.1                                         | 34.0                                          | 31.2                                        | 57.5                                                       | 66.0                                                  | 83.6                                           | 60.6                                            | 16.4     | 8.6   | 31.6       | 43.5          | 329                                |
| Penama                                    | 20.0                                  | 10.1                                               | 53.0                                             | 17.0                                         | 21.5                                          | 24.9                                        | 58.1                                                       | 53.5                                                  | 76.0                                           | 47.1                                            | 24.0     | 11.5  | 37.4       | 27.2          | 400                                |
| Malampa                                   | 19.6                                  | 8.9                                                | 42.1                                             | 17.4                                         | 27.5                                          | 27.0                                        | 37.0                                                       | 38.2                                                  | 65.9                                           | 36.1                                            | 34.1     | 14.0  | 28.6       | 23.3          | 351                                |
| Shefa                                     | 28.9                                  | 7.2                                                | 60.7                                             | 13.6                                         | 33.8                                          | 30.7                                        | 39.8                                                       | 46.8                                                  | 72.3                                           | 46.9                                            | 27.7     | 16.7  | 19.2       | 36.5          | 336                                |
| Tafea                                     | 28.8                                  | 12.4                                               | 53.9                                             | 17.1                                         | 44.4                                          | 41.1                                        | 50.9                                                       | 55.8                                                  | 73.5                                           | 54.2                                            | 26.5     | 9.3   | 21.4       | 42.8          | 471                                |
| Port Vila                                 | 17.7                                  | 6.8                                                | 48.2                                             | 10.2                                         | 25.4                                          | 14.8                                        | 31.8                                                       | 38.4                                                  | 63.9                                           | 33.7                                            | 36.1     | 15.9  | 28.0       | 20.0          | 264                                |
| Luganville                                | 40.3                                  | 16.1                                               | 62.3                                             | 20.1                                         | 37.5                                          | 27.5                                        | 37.1                                                       | 43.9                                                  | 77.5                                           | 50.4                                            | 22.5     | 11.3  | 27.0       | 39.3          | 218                                |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Catholic                                  | 24.9                                  | 8.7                                                | 59.7                                             | 15.2                                         | 27.0                                          | 25.8                                        | 46.2                                                       | 47.6                                                  | 76.0                                           | 41.9                                            | 24.0     | 16.8  | 27.3       | 31.9          | 247                                |
| Anglican                                  | 28.0                                  | 14.7                                               | 55.9                                             | 20.6                                         | 25.4                                          | 27.9                                        | 44.2                                                       | 46.0                                                  | 71.4                                           | 47.6                                            | 28.6     | 10.9  | 30.3       | 30.2          | 377                                |
| AoG                                       | 29.2                                  | 10.2                                               | 61.4                                             | 21.3                                         | 43.5                                          | 35.8                                        | 40.8                                                       | 50.8                                                  | 74.3                                           | 50.9                                            | 25.7     | 12.3  | 20.4       | 41.6          | 165                                |
| CoC                                       | 30.1                                  | 7.3                                                | 53.5                                             | 18.6                                         | 27.7                                          | 30.4                                        | 47.2                                                       | 46.2                                                  | 73.7                                           | 50.6                                            | 26.3     | 8.5   | 31.7       | 33.5          | 168                                |
| Presb                                     | 24.3                                  | 7.4                                                | 51.8                                             | 13.0                                         | 28.6                                          | 27.2                                        | 41.0                                                       | 46.9                                                  | 69.7                                           | 43.3                                            | 30.3     | 14.6  | 25.5       | 29.6          | 679                                |
| SDA                                       | 33.1                                  | 8.1                                                | 55.8                                             | 18.0                                         | 40.5                                          | 34.3                                        | 45.4                                                       | 51.8                                                  | 76.5                                           | 50.9                                            | 23.5     | 12.8  | 24.0       | 39.7          | 345                                |
| Apostol                                   | 19.4                                  | 11.2                                               | 64.7                                             | 13.4                                         | 43.3                                          | 29.7                                        | 50.0                                                       | 42.4                                                  | 76.7                                           | 54.0                                            | 23.3     | 6.3   | 38.2       | 32.2          | 87                                 |
| Other Chris                               | 25.9                                  | 15.4                                               | 52.4                                             | 15.4                                         | 31.7                                          | 24.2                                        | 38.9                                                       | 49.9                                                  | 69.1                                           | 44.0                                            | 30.9     | 13.6  | 22.6       | 32.8          | 389                                |
| Other Non-Chris                           | 41.9                                  | 25.0                                               | 75.3                                             | 12.7                                         | 37.6                                          | 26.4                                        | 47.6                                                       | 56.4                                                  | 95.1                                           | 40.6                                            | 4.9      | 23.2  | 40.1       | 31.7          | 29                                 |
| No Rel/No Ans                             | 16.9                                  | 9.4                                                | 48.7                                             | 14.9                                         | 35.8                                          | 36.7                                        | 66.2                                                       | 60.1                                                  | 81.7                                           | 59.2                                            | 18.3     | 13.0  | 38.5       | 30.2          | 54                                 |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| No educ                                   | 20.9                                  | 10.6                                               | 45.7                                             | 13.5                                         | 27.5                                          | 28.6                                        | 43.6                                                       | 49.4                                                  | 66.3                                           | 42.0                                            | 33.7     | 12.1  | 25.0       | 29.3          | 206                                |
| Primary                                   | 24.1                                  | 10.8                                               | 49.1                                             | 17.7                                         | 26.6                                          | 27.9                                        | 45.9                                                       | 48.8                                                  | 70.9                                           | 45.8                                            | 29.1     | 12.5  | 27.4       | 31.0          | 1085                               |



|                                                              | Keeps her from seeing her friends (%) | Tries to restrict contact with family of birth (%) | Insists on knowing where she is at all times (%) | Ignores you and treats her indifferently (%) | Gets angry if she speaks with another man (%) | Often suspicious that she is unfaithful (%) | Needs to ask his permission before seeking health care (%) | Needs to ask his permission before doing anything (%) | At least one type of controlling behaviour (%) | Three or more acts of controlling behaviour (%) | None (%) | 1 (%) | 2 or 3 (%) | 4 or more (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                         | 26.9                                  | 10.4                                               | 55.1                                             | 16.1                                         | 32.0                                          | 28.6                                        | 43.3                                                       | 48.5                                                  | 72.7                                           | 46.4                                            | 27.3     | 13.2  | 26.4       | 33.1          | <b>2540</b>                        |
| Secondary                                                    | 30.0                                  | 10.1                                               | 60.0                                             | 15.7                                         | 36.4                                          | 28.8                                        | 42.3                                                       | 48.7                                                  | 74.4                                           | 48.2                                            | 25.6     | 13.1  | 26.1       | 35.2          | 1180                               |
| High/Tert                                                    | 23.5                                  | 8.5                                                | 64.8                                             | 9.6                                          | 34.4                                          | 34.0                                        | 30.1                                                       | 41.4                                                  | 77.6                                           | 36.3                                            | 22.4     | 23.3  | 22.6       | 31.7          | 69                                 |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>                               |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| 15-19                                                        | 44.2                                  | 12.8                                               | 62.1                                             | 14.3                                         | 56.6                                          | 38.7                                        | 46.0                                                       | 53.7                                                  | 82.8                                           | 55.9                                            | 17.2     | 16.1  | 19.3       | 47.3          | 83                                 |
| 15-17                                                        | 48.6                                  | 0.8                                                | 55.2                                             | 21.0                                         | 70.4                                          | 48.1                                        | 44.8                                                       | 53.5                                                  | 77.8                                           | 63.1                                            | 22.2     | 6.2   | 17.3       | 54.3          | 24                                 |
| 18-19                                                        | 41.9                                  | 19.0                                               | 65.6                                             | 10.9                                         | 49.4                                          | 33.8                                        | 46.6                                                       | 53.8                                                  | 85.3                                           | 52.1                                            | 14.7     | 21.2  | 20.3       | 43.8          | 59                                 |
| 20-24                                                        | 38.6                                  | 12.3                                               | 66.4                                             | 12.5                                         | 48.4                                          | 31.6                                        | 45.4                                                       | 56.1                                                  | 77.4                                           | 59.6                                            | 22.6     | 7.5   | 24.7       | 45.3          | 273                                |
| 25-29                                                        | 29.8                                  | 12.6                                               | 60.1                                             | 18.7                                         | 35.1                                          | 26.8                                        | 45.5                                                       | 48.5                                                  | 77.4                                           | 47.3                                            | 22.6     | 12.5  | 32.1       | 32.7          | 387.0                              |
| 30-34                                                        | 29.1                                  | 12.7                                               | 60.2                                             | 19.7                                         | 35.3                                          | 31.3                                        | 40.3                                                       | 50.4                                                  | 75.0                                           | 49.6                                            | 25.0     | 13.5  | 25.4       | 36.0          | 424.0                              |
| 35-39                                                        | 24.1                                  | 9.0                                                | 58.1                                             | 15.4                                         | 29.5                                          | 31.2                                        | 47.7                                                       | 51.3                                                  | 74.0                                           | 48.4                                            | 26.0     | 16.4  | 21.0       | 36.6          | 325                                |
| 40-44                                                        | 23.2                                  | 10.2                                               | 51.7                                             | 15.6                                         | 27.3                                          | 24.6                                        | 44.6                                                       | 48.3                                                  | 74.6                                           | 39.8                                            | 25.4     | 17.8  | 30.4       | 26.4          | 307                                |
| 45-49                                                        | 21.1                                  | 7.1                                                | 47.8                                             | 16.9                                         | 24.3                                          | 34.7                                        | 46.9                                                       | 44.1                                                  | 70.3                                           | 41.8                                            | 29.7     | 13.1  | 26.8       | 30.4          | 226                                |
| 50-54                                                        | 18.7                                  | 12.6                                               | 51.1                                             | 17.6                                         | 23.4                                          | 25.8                                        | 40.3                                                       | 47.3                                                  | 65.4                                           | 46.1                                            | 34.6     | 11.6  | 23.3       | 30.5          | 209                                |
| 55-64                                                        | 16.2                                  | 4.1                                                | 37.1                                             | 13.2                                         | 13.7                                          | 19.2                                        | 35.9                                                       | 37.5                                                  | 58.7                                           | 31.8                                            | 41.3     | 12.0  | 28.8       | 17.8          | 306                                |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>                                 |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Lower                                                        | 24.8                                  | 11.1                                               | 50.8                                             | 18.7                                         | 31.5                                          | 31.5                                        | 48.2                                                       | 49.9                                                  | 72.0                                           | 46.8                                            | 28.0     | 11.9  | 26.1       | 33.9          | 1370                               |
| Medium                                                       | 31.8                                  | 11.0                                               | 62.1                                             | 15.1                                         | 34.7                                          | 27.4                                        | 45.4                                                       | 53.8                                                  | 78.4                                           | 51.4                                            | 21.6     | 12.3  | 30.2       | 35.8          | 825                                |
| Higher                                                       | 22.7                                  | 7.7                                                | 51.5                                             | 12.5                                         | 28.2                                          | 25.1                                        | 29.6                                                       | 36.2                                                  | 64.0                                           | 36.8                                            | 36.0     | 17.4  | 19.9       | 26.6          | 345                                |
| <b>Disability status</b>                                     |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| None                                                         | 22.3                                  | 7.7                                                | 50.6                                             | 12.6                                         | 27.1                                          | 20.2                                        | 37.5                                                       | 41.1                                                  | 68.3                                           | 38.4                                            | 31.7     | 13.5  | 30.4       | 24.4          | 955                                |
| Some                                                         | 30.3                                  | 11.4                                               | 56.9                                             | 17.7                                         | 36.1                                          | 33.0                                        | 46.4                                                       | 53.0                                                  | 74.5                                           | 50.8                                            | 25.5     | 12.5  | 23.7       | 38.3          | 1329                               |
| A lot                                                        | 24.0                                  | 14.5                                               | 59.2                                             | 19.4                                         | 27.1                                          | 33.3                                        | 46.8                                                       | 49.7                                                  | 76.5                                           | 50.8                                            | 23.5     | 16.4  | 25.6       | 34.5          | 227                                |
| Cannot do                                                    | 39.9                                  | 11.2                                               | 80.6                                             | 24.1                                         | 38.5                                          | 49.5                                        | 54.0                                                       | 59.9                                                  | 95.5                                           | 60.3                                            | 4.5      | 5.7   | 35.3       | 54.5          | 29                                 |
| <b>By experience of physical or sexual partner violence*</b> |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| No physical or sexual                                        | 13.9                                  | 1.7                                                | 43.9                                             | 4.0                                          | 18.1                                          | 14.7                                        | 32.5                                                       | 33.0                                                  | 59.3                                           | 29.8                                            | 40.7     | 16.5  | 26.4       | 16.4          | 1123                               |
| Sexual and/or physical                                       | 38.9                                  | 18.3                                               | 65.3                                             | 27.2                                         | 44.7                                          | 41.4                                        | 53.2                                                       | 62.7                                                  | 84.9                                           | 61.7                                            | 15.1     | 10.1  | 26.4       | 48.4          | 1417                               |

|                                                                                                                              | Keeps her from seeing her friends (%) | Tries to restrict contact with family of birth (%) | Insists on knowing where she is at all times (%) | Ignores you and treats her indifferently (%) | Gets angry if she speaks with another man (%) | Often suspicious that she is unfaithful (%) | Needs to ask his permission before seeking health care (%) | Needs to ask his permission before doing anything (%) | At least one type of controlling behaviour (%) | Three or more acts of controlling behaviour (%) | None (%) | 1 (%) | 2 or 3 (%) | 4 or more (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Total Vanuatu                                                                                                                | 26.9                                  | 10.4                                               | 55.1                                             | 16.1                                         | 32.0                                          | 28.6                                        | 43.3                                                       | 48.5                                                  | 72.7                                           | 46.4                                            | 27.3     | 13.2  | 26.4       | 33.1          | 2540                               |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with physical or sexual violence for those experiencing 3 or more acts      |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                | <0.001                                          |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| By type of violence* #                                                                                                       |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Sexual only #                                                                                                                | 28.1                                  | 9.7                                                | 54.9                                             | 8.7                                          | 32.7                                          | 35.9                                        | 44.0                                                       | 60.4                                                  | 76.9                                           | 51.1                                            | 23.1     | 10.3  | 28.3       | 38.3          | 136                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with sexual violence ONLY, for those experiencing 3 or more acts            |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                | 0.024                                           |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Physical only #                                                                                                              | 35.3                                  | 12.7                                               | 62.2                                             | 16.7                                         | 35.5                                          | 33.2                                        | 46.6                                                       | 55.1                                                  | 80.3                                           | 54.0                                            | 19.7     | 11.1  | 30.5       | 38.7          | 685                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with physical violence ONLY, for those experiencing 3 or more acts          |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                | 0.010                                           |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Both sexual & physical #                                                                                                     | 46.1                                  | 27.3                                               | 71.9                                             | 45.0                                         | 59.5                                          | 53.1                                        | 63.8                                                       | 72.6                                                  | 92.7                                           | 73.9                                            | 7.3      | 9.0   | 20.7       | 63.0          | 595                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with BOTH physical & sexual violence, for those experiencing 3 or more acts |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                | <0.001                                          |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Sexual & physical & emotional #                                                                                              | 47.5                                  | 28.3                                               | 72.8                                             | 46.3                                         | 61.3                                          | 54.1                                        | 64.6                                                       | 73.6                                                  | 93.8                                           | 75.4                                            | 6.2      | 8.8   | 20.5       | 64.5          | 575                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical/sexual violence with physical AND sexual violence AND emotional, for those with 3 or more acts |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                | <0.001                                          |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Emotional                                                                                                                    | 35.7                                  | 15.5                                               | 64.8                                             | 23.4                                         | 42.4                                          | 38.3                                        | 52.9                                                       | 58.9                                                  | 84.3                                           | 59.1                                            | 15.7     | 11.4  | 28.5       | 44.4          | 1714                               |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with emotional violence, for those experiencing 3 or more acts              |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                | <0.001                                          |          |       |            |               |                                    |

\* P-values use Pearson Chi-Square Asymptotic Significance (2-sided) test of statistical significance on unweighted data. The test compares the distribution of respondents who have experienced three or more acts of violence: those with no intimate partner violence, with each type/combination of types of partner violence. The p-value indicates the probability that an observed association is due to random chance. A value less than 0.05 is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

# Based on N=2539 respondents who answered both physical and sexual IPV questions (one ever-partnered respondent ended the interview before answering this question and has therefore been excluded from the analysis).

Table 4.11b: Weighted prevalence of different controlling behaviours by partners in the past 12 months, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Keeps her from seeing her friends (%) | Tries to restrict contact with family of birth (%) | Insists on knowing where she is at all times (%) | Ignores you and treats her indifferently (%) | Gets angry if she speaks with another man (%) | Often suspicious that she is unfaithful (%) | Needs to ask his permission before seeking health care (%) | Needs to ask his permission before doing anything (%) | At least one type of controlling behaviour (%) | Three or more acts of controlling behaviour (%) | None (%) | 1 (%) | 2 or 3 (%) | 4 or more (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 18.7                                  | 6.7                                                | 42.4                                             | 10.6                                         | 21.8                                          | 21.7                                        | 32.2                                                       | 39.7                                                  | 59.2                                           | 33.6                                            | 40.8     | 12.7  | 23.1       | 23.4          | 2540                               |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Urban                                     | 17.1                                  | 5.3                                                | 42.9                                             | 8.4                                          | 22.4                                          | 15.1                                        | 26.9                                                       | 34.3                                                  | 55.6                                           | 29.7                                            | 44.4     | 12.7  | 23.4       | 19.5          | 482                                |
| Rural                                     | 19.2                                  | 7.1                                                | 42.3                                             | 11.1                                         | 21.6                                          | 23.5                                        | 33.7                                                       | 41.2                                                  | 60.1                                           | 34.6                                            | 39.9     | 12.7  | 23.0       | 24.5          | 2058                               |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Torba                                     | 11.9                                  | 6                                                  | 24.1                                             | 9.2                                          | 11.9                                          | 18.4                                        | 12.5                                                       | 25.6                                                  | 40.4                                           | 21.5                                            | 59.6     | 12.7  | 15.1       | 12.6          | 171                                |
| Sanma                                     | 24.4                                  | 9.9                                                | 48.5                                             | 14.2                                         | 23.3                                          | 23.2                                        | 43.9                                                       | 53.9                                                  | 68.9                                           | 44.0                                            | 31.1     | 10.3  | 30.5       | 28.1          | 329                                |
| Penama                                    | 11.7                                  | 5.1                                                | 40.2                                             | 10.2                                         | 14.3                                          | 18.5                                        | 40.5                                                       | 45.6                                                  | 59.5                                           | 33.4                                            | 40.5     | 10.8  | 29.4       | 19.3          | 400                                |
| Malampa                                   | 12.8                                  | 6.4                                                | 31.8                                             | 11.4                                         | 18.9                                          | 21.2                                        | 29.2                                                       | 29.4                                                  | 54.9                                           | 25.7                                            | 45.1     | 14.0  | 24.4       | 16.5          | 351                                |
| Shefa                                     | 23.2                                  | 5.6                                                | 49.2                                             | 10.6                                         | 24.5                                          | 25.9                                        | 31                                                         | 38.9                                                  | 62.4                                           | 35.7                                            | 37.6     | 15.5  | 17.6       | 29.3          | 336                                |
| Tafea                                     | 20.6                                  | 9.9                                                | 39                                               | 10.2                                         | 25.7                                          | 26.7                                        | 32.5                                                       | 44.6                                                  | 57.3                                           | 36.2                                            | 42.7     | 9.6   | 21.3       | 26.4          | 471                                |
| Port Vila                                 | 16                                    | 5.8                                                | 43                                               | 7.3                                          | 22.3                                          | 13.1                                        | 27.6                                                       | 34.9                                                  | 56.5                                           | 29.2                                            | 43.5     | 14.0  | 24.6       | 17.9          | 264                                |
| Luganville                                | 19.4                                  | 4.4                                                | 42.7                                             | 10.8                                         | 22.5                                          | 19.5                                        | 25.6                                                       | 32.9                                                  | 53.6                                           | 30.8                                            | 46.4     | 9.8   | 21.1       | 22.8          | 218                                |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Catholic                                  | 16.5                                  | 5                                                  | 44.2                                             | 9.1                                          | 15.1                                          | 17.4                                        | 35.3                                                       | 38.8                                                  | 61.2                                           | 29.8                                            | 38.8     | 15.3  | 24.0       | 21.9          | 247                                |
| Anglican                                  | 17.3                                  | 6.4                                                | 39.3                                             | 13.2                                         | 15.8                                          | 19.7                                        | 30.6                                                       | 34.2                                                  | 51                                             | 32.6                                            | 49.0     | 9.1   | 23.9       | 18.0          | 377                                |
| AoG                                       | 23.3                                  | 7.7                                                | 50.9                                             | 16.3                                         | 32.4                                          | 28.7                                        | 30.8                                                       | 42.3                                                  | 63                                             | 42.1                                            | 37.0     | 12.1  | 16.8       | 34.2          | 165                                |
| CoC                                       | 17.7                                  | 2.7                                                | 36.6                                             | 9.6                                          | 15.4                                          | 22                                          | 29.2                                                       | 32.3                                                  | 55.2                                           | 29.1                                            | 44.8     | 9.8   | 25.6       | 19.8          | 168                                |
| Presb                                     | 18.7                                  | 6.2                                                | 40.6                                             | 10.6                                         | 21                                            | 23.2                                        | 31.7                                                       | 40.2                                                  | 59.7                                           | 33.0                                            | 40.3     | 13.5  | 23.8       | 22.4          | 679                                |
| SDA                                       | 23.1                                  | 4.7                                                | 44.4                                             | 13                                           | 27.6                                          | 26.3                                        | 34.1                                                       | 42.4                                                  | 63.8                                           | 37.5                                            | 36.2     | 14.5  | 22.5       | 26.8          | 345                                |
| Apostol                                   | 15.3                                  | 7.2                                                | 48.5                                             | 4.1                                          | 20.3                                          | 14                                          | 39.1                                                       | 30.6                                                  | 60.1                                           | 30.0                                            | 39.9     | 11.4  | 29.0       | 19.7          | 87                                 |
| Other Chris                               | 16.7                                  | 10.5                                               | 41.3                                             | 7.7                                          | 25.3                                          | 17.9                                        | 30.3                                                       | 42.3                                                  | 55.7                                           | 33.9                                            | 44.3     | 11.1  | 19.4       | 25.2          | 389                                |
| Other Non-Chris                           | 33.3                                  | 18.6                                               | 72.8                                             | 8.6                                          | 17.5                                          | 19.9                                        | 35.9                                                       | 54                                                    | 85.6                                           | 32.0                                            | 14.4     | 26.4  | 33.9       | 25.2          | 29                                 |
| No Rel/No Ans                             | 7.6                                   | 7.6                                                | 34.6                                             | 9.6                                          | 14                                            | 25.5                                        | 39.4                                                       | 49.7                                                  | 68.2                                           | 30.2                                            | 31.8     | 14.2  | 40.7       | 13.3          | 54                                 |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| No educ                                   | 13.4                                  | 7                                                  | 30.3                                             | 6.3                                          | 13.5                                          | 18.1                                        | 30.3                                                       | 40.1                                                  | 49.2                                           | 26.9                                            | 50.8     | 9.5   | 22.5       | 17.2          | 206                                |

|                                                              | Keeps her from seeing her friends (%) | Tries to restrict contact with family of birth (%) | Insists on knowing where she is at all times (%) | Ignores you and treats her indifferently (%) | Gets angry if she speaks with another man (%) | Often suspicious that she is unfaithful (%) | Needs to ask his permission before seeking health care (%) | Needs to ask his permission before doing anything (%) | At least one type of controlling behaviour (%) | Three or more acts of controlling behaviour (%) | None (%) | 1 (%) | 2 or 3 (%) | 4 or more (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                         | 18.7                                  | 6.7                                                | 42.4                                             | 10.6                                         | 21.8                                          | 21.7                                        | 32.2                                                       | 39.7                                                  | 59.2                                           | 33.6                                            | 40.8     | 12.7  | 23.1       | 23.4          | 2540                               |
| Primary                                                      | 15.6                                  | 6.9                                                | 34.3                                             | 11.4                                         | 16.3                                          | 19.7                                        | 33.3                                                       | 37.2                                                  | 54.8                                           | 30.2                                            | 45.2     | 12.1  | 22.8       | 19.8          | 1085                               |
| Secondary                                                    | 21.8                                  | 6.5                                                | 49.8                                             | 10.8                                         | 27.5                                          | 23.1                                        | 32.7                                                       | 41.6                                                  | 63.3                                           | 37.7                                            | 36.7     | 12.7  | 23.3       | 27.2          | 1180                               |
| High/Tert                                                    | 17.9                                  | 6.8                                                | 45.3                                             | 5.5                                          | 14                                            | 27.9                                        | 17.9                                                       | 39                                                    | 64.4                                           | 23.3                                            | 35.6     | 22.1  | 23.5       | 18.9          | 69                                 |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>                               |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| 15-19                                                        | 40.6                                  | 12.8                                               | 58.9                                             | 12                                           | 52.8                                          | 33.9                                        | 41.4                                                       | 49.9                                                  | 79                                             | 52.3                                            | 21.0     | 18.3  | 16.5       | 44.2          | 83                                 |
| 15-17                                                        | 41.7                                  | 0.8                                                | 48.2                                             | 14                                           | 61                                            | 44.1                                        | 44                                                         | 44.8                                                  | 68.3                                           | 56.1                                            | 31.7     | 8.0   | 13.0       | 47.3          | 24                                 |
| 18-19                                                        | 40.1                                  | 19                                                 | 64.4                                             | 10.9                                         | 48.5                                          | 28.6                                        | 40                                                         | 52.5                                                  | 84.4                                           | 50.3                                            | 15.6     | 23.7  | 18.2       | 42.6          | 59                                 |
| 20-24                                                        | 34.7                                  | 10.6                                               | 60.4                                             | 10.5                                         | 40.2                                          | 28.7                                        | 38.8                                                       | 54.1                                                  | 72.9                                           | 53.3                                            | 27.1     | 6.6   | 28.8       | 37.5          | 273                                |
| 25-29                                                        | 21                                    | 7.7                                                | 53.1                                             | 14.8                                         | 26.4                                          | 23                                          | 37.4                                                       | 43.3                                                  | 68                                             | 36.6                                            | 32.0     | 13.7  | 28.9       | 25.4          | 387                                |
| 30-34                                                        | 19.8                                  | 7.5                                                | 48.3                                             | 13.4                                         | 21.5                                          | 26                                          | 29.6                                                       | 41.9                                                  | 64.1                                           | 35.9                                            | 35.9     | 12.9  | 24.0       | 27.2          | 424                                |
| 35-39                                                        | 14.8                                  | 6.2                                                | 42.6                                             | 9.5                                          | 19.3                                          | 22.4                                        | 33.6                                                       | 41.1                                                  | 59.2                                           | 34.0                                            | 40.8     | 14.7  | 21.2       | 23.3          | 325                                |
| 40-44                                                        | 14.2                                  | 6.6                                                | 39.9                                             | 10.2                                         | 17.4                                          | 20.2                                        | 35.9                                                       | 42.7                                                  | 61.1                                           | 31.3                                            | 38.9     | 16.9  | 22.5       | 21.7          | 307                                |
| 45-49                                                        | 16.9                                  | 4.9                                                | 31.3                                             | 8.7                                          | 10.5                                          | 22.4                                        | 30.2                                                       | 31.8                                                  | 49.9                                           | 24.9                                            | 50.1     | 10.6  | 20.8       | 18.4          | 226                                |
| 50-54                                                        | 7.7                                   | 5.4                                                | 29.6                                             | 9.9                                          | 11.3                                          | 14.9                                        | 28.7                                                       | 33                                                    | 47                                             | 27.8                                            | 53.0     | 13.6  | 20.4       | 13.0          | 209                                |
| 55-64                                                        | 4.3                                   | 0.4                                                | 16.1                                             | 5                                            | 4.1                                           | 7.1                                         | 18.2                                                       | 19.6                                                  | 32.8                                           | 10.3                                            | 67.2     | 9.9   | 18.5       | 4.4           | 306                                |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>                                 |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Lower                                                        | 16.1                                  | 7.5                                                | 37.7                                             | 11.6                                         | 19.4                                          | 23.5                                        | 35                                                         | 40.4                                                  | 57                                             | 33.2                                            | 43.0     | 11.5  | 22.6       | 22.9          | 1370                               |
| Medium                                                       | 23.4                                  | 7.3                                                | 48.5                                             | 11.5                                         | 26.3                                          | 20.5                                        | 35.8                                                       | 45.4                                                  | 66.4                                           | 37.9                                            | 33.6     | 12.9  | 27.4       | 26.1          | 825                                |
| Higher                                                       | 15.7                                  | 4.1                                                | 41.2                                             | 6.8                                          | 18.5                                          | 20.1                                        | 20.2                                                       | 28.1                                                  | 50.7                                           | 26.8                                            | 49.3     | 14.7  | 16.3       | 19.6          | 345                                |
| <b>Disability status</b>                                     |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| None                                                         | 15.2                                  | 4.8                                                | 39.7                                             | 8                                            | 19.4                                          | 15                                          | 27.5                                                       | 34.5                                                  | 55.6                                           | 28.3                                            | 44.4     | 14.3  | 23.8       | 17.5          | 955                                |
| Some                                                         | 21.2                                  | 7.2                                                | 43.6                                             | 11.6                                         | 24                                            | 25.2                                        | 34.5                                                       | 43.1                                                  | 60.9                                           | 36.4                                            | 39.1     | 11.2  | 23.0       | 26.6          | 1329                               |
| A lot                                                        | 17                                    | 10.7                                               | 44                                               | 13.9                                         | 17.2                                          | 25                                          | 36.1                                                       | 39                                                    | 60                                             | 35.7                                            | 40.0     | 15.0  | 19.5       | 25.6          | 227                                |
| Cannot do                                                    | 29.3                                  | 4.9                                                | 64.9                                             | 16.6                                         | 34.7                                          | 38.4                                        | 43.9                                                       | 53.2                                                  | 86.7                                           | 49.8                                            | 13.3     | 9.2   | 37.9       | 39.6          | 29                                 |
| <b>By experience of physical or sexual partner violence*</b> |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| No P or S                                                    | 10.0                                  | 1.1                                                | 33.5                                             | 2.2                                          | 11.6                                          | 10.4                                        | 24.4                                                       | 27.2                                                  | 47.8                                           | 20.4                                            | 52.2     | 13.9  | 23.7       | 10.3          | 1123                               |
| Sexual &/or physical                                         | 26.7                                  | 11.8                                               | 50.6                                             | 18.2                                         | 31.1                                          | 32                                          | 39.4                                                       | 51.1                                                  | 69.5                                           | 45.6                                            | 30.5     | 11.6  | 22.5       | 35.4          | 1417                               |

|                                                                                                                               | Keeps her from seeing her friends (%) | Tries to restrict contact with family of birth (%) | Insists on knowing where she is at all times (%) | Ignores you and treats her indifferently (%) | Gets angry if she speaks with another man (%) | Often suspicious that she is unfaithful (%) | Needs to ask his permission before seeking health care (%) | Needs to ask his permission before doing anything (%) | At least one type of controlling behaviour (%) | Three or more acts of controlling behaviour (%) | None (%) | 1 (%) | 2 or 3 (%) | 4 or more (%) | Number of ever-partnered women (N) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                                                          | 18.7                                  | 6.7                                                | 42.4                                             | 10.6                                         | 21.8                                          | 21.7                                        | 32.2                                                       | 39.7                                                  | 59.2                                           | 33.6                                            | 40.8     | 12.7  | 23.1       | 23.4          | 2540                               |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with physical or sexual violence for those experiencing 3 or more acts       |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 | <0.001   |       |            |               |                                    |
| <b>By type of violence* #</b>                                                                                                 |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 |          |       |            |               |                                    |
| Sexual only #                                                                                                                 | 21.0                                  | 4.9                                                | 46.9                                             | 5.4                                          | 25.1                                          | 29.3                                        | 35.0                                                       | 53.9                                                  | 64.4                                           | 42.3                                            | 35.6     | 9.8   | 26.2       | 28.4          | 136                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with sexual violence ONLY for those experiencing 3 or more acts              |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 | 0.011    |       |            |               |                                    |
| Physical only #                                                                                                               | 24.2                                  | 9.0                                                | 45.5                                             | 9.6                                          | 23.0                                          | 24.5                                        | 31.7                                                       | 42.9                                                  | 61.9                                           | 36.2                                            | 38.1     | 12.5  | 22.3       | 27.1          | 685                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with physical violence ONLY for those experiencing 3 or more acts            |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 | 0.788    |       |            |               |                                    |
| Both sexual & physical #                                                                                                      | 31.2                                  | 17.0                                               | 57.8                                             | 32.1                                         | 42.8                                          | 42.0                                        | 50.1                                                       | 60.6                                                  | 80.3                                           | 58.1                                            | 19.7     | 10.9  | 21.9       | 47.5          | 595                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with BOTH physical AND sexual violence for those experiencing 3 or more acts |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 | <0.001   |       |            |               |                                    |
| Sexual & physical & emotional #                                                                                               | 32.2                                  | 17.6                                               | 58.3                                             | 33.1                                         | 44.1                                          | 42.9                                        | 50.4                                                       | 61.4                                                  | 81.2                                           | 59.0                                            | 18.8     | 11.1  | 21.6       | 48.6          | 575                                |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with physical AND sexual AND emotional for those experiencing 3 or more acts |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 | <0.001   |       |            |               |                                    |
| Emotional                                                                                                                     | 24.9                                  | 10.1                                               | 50.8                                             | 16.1                                         | 29.8                                          | 30.3                                        | 39.1                                                       | 49.1                                                  | 70.0                                           | 43.8                                            | 30.0     | 12.1  | 25.4       | 32.6          | 1714                               |
| P-value comparing NO physical or sexual violence with emotional violence for those experiencing 3 or more acts                |                                       |                                                    |                                                  |                                              |                                               |                                             |                                                            |                                                       |                                                |                                                 | <0.001   |       |            |               |                                    |

\* P-values use Pearson Chi-Square Asymptotic Significance (2-sided) test of statistical significance on unweighted data. The test compares the distribution of respondents who have experienced three or more acts of violence: those with no intimate partner violence, with each type/combination of types of partner violence. The p-value indicates the probability that an observed association is due to random chance. A value less than 0.05 (<0.05) is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

# Based on N=2539 respondents who answered both physical and sexual IPV questions (one ever-partnered respondent ended the interview before answering this question and has therefore been excluded from the analysis).

Table 4.12a: Weighted prevalence of economic/financial abusive acts by partners during their lifetime, as reported by currently married or cohabiting women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Prohibited from getting a job, scholarship, or earning an income (%) | Taken her earnings or savings against her will (%) | Refused to give her money (%) | At least one act of financial abuse (%) | Unweighted number of currently married or cohabiting women (N) | P value (by type of intimate partner violence) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 9.3                                                                  | 11.3                                               | 25.8                          | 32.7                                    | 2322                                                           |                                                |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                |                                                |
| Urban                                     | 6.5                                                                  | 6.6                                                | 29.3                          | 35.4                                    | 420                                                            |                                                |
| Rural                                     | 10.1                                                                 | 12.5                                               | 24.8                          | 32.0                                    | 1902                                                           |                                                |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                |                                                |
| Torba                                     | 0.7                                                                  | 15.2                                               | 37.8                          | 41.3                                    | 155                                                            |                                                |
| Sanma                                     | 10.6                                                                 | 17.2                                               | 29.1                          | 38.9                                    | 306                                                            |                                                |
| Penama                                    | 4.6                                                                  | 7.0                                                | 17.1                          | 19.7                                    | 379                                                            |                                                |
| Malampa                                   | 19.0                                                                 | 21.8                                               | 27.1                          | 33.4                                    | 317                                                            |                                                |
| Shefa                                     | 12.3                                                                 | 9.4                                                | 17.7                          | 26.6                                    | 312                                                            |                                                |
| Tafea                                     | 3.7                                                                  | 8.9                                                | 36.0                          | 43.4                                    | 433                                                            |                                                |
| Port Vila                                 | 5.6                                                                  | 4.5                                                | 32.2                          | 35.9                                    | 250                                                            |                                                |
| Luganville                                | 8.8                                                                  | 11.9                                               | 21.9                          | 34.0                                    | 170                                                            |                                                |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                |                                                |
| Catholic                                  | 8.2                                                                  | 10.4                                               | 23.4                          | 30.1                                    | 222                                                            |                                                |
| Anglican                                  | 5.3                                                                  | 12.6                                               | 25.1                          | 28.9                                    | 342                                                            |                                                |
| AOG                                       | 14.5                                                                 | 14.9                                               | 29.7                          | 41.5                                    | 148                                                            |                                                |
| Church of Christ                          | 4.1                                                                  | 5.3                                                | 27.8                          | 31.9                                    | 152                                                            |                                                |
| Presbyterian                              | 9.3                                                                  | 11.6                                               | 24.7                          | 31.5                                    | 633                                                            |                                                |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 11.6                                                                 | 10.9                                               | 21.3                          | 30.0                                    | 314                                                            |                                                |
| Apostolic                                 | 13.5                                                                 | 5.2                                                | 27.3                          | 38.8                                    | 80                                                             |                                                |
| Other Christian                           | 10.1                                                                 | 14.1                                               | 29.3                          | 36.0                                    | 355                                                            |                                                |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 12.8                                                                 | 11.9                                               | 37.4                          | 46.8                                    | 26                                                             |                                                |
| No Religion/ No Answer                    | 3.9                                                                  | 2.1                                                | 31.4                          | 31.4                                    | 50                                                             |                                                |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                |                                                |
| No education                              | 2.3                                                                  | 4.6                                                | 23.5                          | 24.8                                    | 189                                                            |                                                |
| Primary                                   | 8.2                                                                  | 11.5                                               | 26.1                          | 33.7                                    | 1005                                                           |                                                |
| Secondary                                 | 11.3                                                                 | 11.8                                               | 25.8                          | 32.9                                    | 1075                                                           |                                                |
| Higher/ Tertiary                          | 4.6                                                                  | 14.1                                               | 23.5                          | 32.5                                    | 53                                                             |                                                |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                |                                                |
| 15-19                                     | 16.3                                                                 | 9.0                                                | 29.6                          | 35.3                                    | 50                                                             |                                                |
| 15-17**                                   |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         | 8                                                              |                                                |
| 18-19                                     | 18.4                                                                 | 10.8                                               | 31.9                          | 38.8                                    | 42                                                             |                                                |
| 20-24                                     | 10.3                                                                 | 12.0                                               | 28.9                          | 37.3                                    | 237                                                            |                                                |
| 25-29                                     | 8.6                                                                  | 8.6                                                | 20.7                          | 29.8                                    | 362                                                            |                                                |
| 30-34                                     | 14.1                                                                 | 17.4                                               | 27.9                          | 37.0                                    | 409                                                            |                                                |
| 35-39                                     | 12.5                                                                 | 14.5                                               | 28.0                          | 34.6                                    | 305                                                            |                                                |
| 40-44                                     | 9.6                                                                  | 11.0                                               | 29.4                          | 34.8                                    | 296                                                            |                                                |
| 45-49                                     | 4.7                                                                  | 9.2                                                | 25.9                          | 31.1                                    | 211                                                            |                                                |
| 50-54                                     | 4.6                                                                  | 12.4                                               | 25.9                          | 31.3                                    | 187                                                            |                                                |
| 55-64                                     | 4.5                                                                  | 4.7                                                | 18.6                          | 23.6                                    | 265                                                            |                                                |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                |                                                |
| Lower                                     | 9.1                                                                  | 13.5                                               | 26.6                          | 32.8                                    | 1271                                                           |                                                |
| Medium                                    | 10.3                                                                 | 10.8                                               | 24.3                          | 32.6                                    | 748                                                            |                                                |
| Higher                                    | 7.9                                                                  | 7.3                                                | 26.6                          | 32.7                                    | 303                                                            |                                                |

|                                           | Prohibited from getting a job, scholarship, or earning an income (%) | Taken her earnings or savings against her will (%) | Refused to give her money (%) | At least one act of financial abuse (%) | Unweighted number of currently married or co-habiting women (N) | P value (by type of intimate partner violence) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 9.3                                                                  | 11.3                                               | 25.8                          | 32.7                                    | 2322                                                            |                                                |
| <b>Disability status</b>                  |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |                                                |
| No difficulty                             | 4.6                                                                  | 9.4                                                | 21.3                          | 26.8                                    | 884                                                             |                                                |
| Some difficulty                           | 10.4                                                                 | 11.5                                               | 28.1                          | 35.5                                    | 1216                                                            |                                                |
| A lot of difficulty                       | 19.7                                                                 | 18.0                                               | 28.4                          | 38.2                                    | 197                                                             |                                                |
| Cannot do at all                          | 17.9                                                                 | 1.1                                                | 34.6                          | 40.0                                    | 25                                                              |                                                |
| <b>By experience of partner violence*</b> |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |                                                |
| no physical or sexual violence            | 5.3                                                                  | 4.2                                                | 14.8                          | 20.6                                    | 1028                                                            |                                                |
| sexual &/or physical                      | 13.0                                                                 | 17.8                                               | 35.7                          | 43.7                                    | 1294                                                            | <.001                                          |
| <b>By type of violence*</b>               |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |                                                |
| sexual only                               | 8.9                                                                  | 13.9                                               | 27.3                          | 37.0                                    | 109                                                             | 0.119                                          |
| physical only                             | 8.2                                                                  | 11.0                                               | 25.5                          | 32.1                                    | 642                                                             | 0.376                                          |
| both sexual & physical                    | 19.8                                                                 | 27.1                                               | 50.3                          | 59.6                                    | 545                                                             | <.001                                          |
| physical & sexual & emotional             | 19.9                                                                 | 28.1                                               | 49.6                          | 59.1                                    | 526                                                             | <.001                                          |
| emotional                                 | 11.8                                                                 | 15.5                                               | 32.1                          | 40.4                                    | 1581                                                            | <.001                                          |

Note: A total of 2330 respondents were currently married or living with a man, but 8 did not complete the questions and were excluded from the analysis.

\* Chi square test for P-value for association between women with: no physical and/or sexual violence, compared with those who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence; and compared with those who have experienced other forms of forms and combinations of intimate partner violence. The p-value indicates the probability that an observed association is due to random chance. A value less than 0.05 (<0.05) is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

\*\* These findings are suppressed due to very small numbers (less than 20 respondents in this category), which renders findings unreliable.

Table 4.12aa: Weighted prevalence of economic/financial abusive acts by partners in the past 12 months, as reported by currently married or cohabiting women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Prohibited from getting a job, scholarship, or earning an income (%) | Taken her earnings or savings against her will (%) | Refused to give her money (%) | At least one act of financial abuse (%) | Unweighted number of currently married or co-habiting women (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 7.6                                                                  | 8.7                                                | 21.1                          | 27.0                                    | 2322                                                            |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |
| Urban                                     | 5.5                                                                  | 6.0                                                | 25.0                          | 29.9                                    | 420                                                             |
| Rural                                     | 8.2                                                                  | 9.4                                                | 20.1                          | 26.3                                    | 1902                                                            |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |
| Torba                                     | 0.7                                                                  | 7.4                                                | 21.6                          | 23.5                                    | 155                                                             |
| Sanma                                     | 7.4                                                                  | 11.5                                               | 21.1                          | 29.0                                    | 306                                                             |
| Penama                                    | 2.5                                                                  | 6.4                                                | 13.8                          | 15.4                                    | 379                                                             |
| Malampa                                   | 16.8                                                                 | 18.0                                               | 24.1                          | 30.1                                    | 317                                                             |
| Shefa                                     | 10.9                                                                 | 7.0                                                | 16.2                          | 24.4                                    | 312                                                             |
| Tafea                                     | 2.5                                                                  | 6.6                                                | 28.1                          | 34.5                                    | 433                                                             |
| Port Vila                                 | 5.6                                                                  | 4.5                                                | 28.2                          | 31.9                                    | 250                                                             |
| Luganville                                | 5.2                                                                  | 9.6                                                | 16.7                          | 24.6                                    | 170                                                             |



|                                | Prohibited from getting a job, scholarship, or earning an income (%) | Taken her earnings or savings against her will (%) | Refused to give her money (%) | At least one act of financial abuse (%) | Unweighted number of currently married or co-habiting women (N) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 7.6                                                                  | 8.7                                                | 21.1                          | 27.0                                    | 2322                                                            |
| <b>Religion</b>                |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |
| Catholic                       | 7.2                                                                  | 10.0                                               | 19.1                          | 25.2                                    | 222                                                             |
| Anglican                       | 3.7                                                                  | 9.4                                                | 18.3                          | 21.1                                    | 342                                                             |
| AOG                            | 13.5                                                                 | 10.8                                               | 26.6                          | 37.6                                    | 148                                                             |
| CoC                            | 3.6                                                                  | 3.5                                                | 22.6                          | 26.1                                    | 152                                                             |
| Presbyterian                   | 6.9                                                                  | 8.7                                                | 21.3                          | 26.5                                    | 633                                                             |
| SDA                            | 10.6                                                                 | 7.6                                                | 17.1                          | 25.2                                    | 314                                                             |
| Apostolic                      | 12.6                                                                 | 4.0                                                | 22.4                          | 34.0                                    | 80                                                              |
| Other Chris'n                  | 7.6                                                                  | 11.0                                               | 23.2                          | 28.8                                    | 355                                                             |
| Other Non-Christian            | 12.8                                                                 | 11.9                                               | 35.1                          | 46.8                                    | 26                                                              |
| No Religion/ No Answer         | 3.9                                                                  | 2.1                                                | 21.3                          | 21.3                                    | 50                                                              |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |
| No education                   | 2.0                                                                  | 3.0                                                | 18.1                          | 19.1                                    | 189                                                             |
| Primary                        | 6.7                                                                  | 7.7                                                | 20.4                          | 26.2                                    | 1005                                                            |
| Secondary                      | 9.2                                                                  | 10.1                                               | 22.3                          | 28.8                                    | 1075                                                            |
| Higher/ Tert                   | 4.6                                                                  | 9.9                                                | 14.1                          | 24.2                                    | 53                                                              |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |
| 15-19                          | 14.9                                                                 | 9.0                                                | 23.3                          | 28.5                                    | 50                                                              |
| 15-17*                         | 0.0                                                                  | 0.0                                                | 0.0                           | 0.0                                     | 8                                                               |
| 18-19                          | 17.9                                                                 | 10.8                                               | 28.0                          | 34.3                                    | 42                                                              |
| 20-24                          | 9.1                                                                  | 11.7                                               | 27.4                          | 36.3                                    | 237                                                             |
| 25-29                          | 7.6                                                                  | 7.9                                                | 18.0                          | 26.5                                    | 362                                                             |
| 30-34                          | 12.1                                                                 | 13.4                                               | 23.3                          | 31.4                                    | 409                                                             |
| 35-39                          | 9.7                                                                  | 11.2                                               | 24.8                          | 29.3                                    | 305                                                             |
| 40-44                          | 6.7                                                                  | 9.2                                                | 25.0                          | 30.3                                    | 296                                                             |
| 45-49                          | 2.8                                                                  | 4.3                                                | 18.9                          | 22.2                                    | 211                                                             |
| 50-54                          | 4.0                                                                  | 7.0                                                | 16.4                          | 19.2                                    | 187                                                             |
| 55-64                          | 3.6                                                                  | 2.1                                                | 12.6                          | 16.6                                    | 265                                                             |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |
| Lower                          | 7.5                                                                  | 10.4                                               | 21.1                          | 26.3                                    | 1271                                                            |
| Medium                         | 8.8                                                                  | 8.5                                                | 20.4                          | 28.1                                    | 748                                                             |
| Higher                         | 5.6                                                                  | 5.1                                                | 22.4                          | 26.9                                    | 303                                                             |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                                                                      |                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                                 |
| No difficulty                  | 3.5                                                                  | 7.0                                                | 17.4                          | 22.0                                    | 884                                                             |
| Some difficulty                | 8.4                                                                  | 8.8                                                | 23.0                          | 29.3                                    | 1216                                                            |
| A lot of difficulty            | 18.8                                                                 | 14.8                                               | 23.4                          | 33.3                                    | 197                                                             |
| Cannot do at all               | 7.3                                                                  | 1.1                                                | 26.2                          | 26.2                                    | 25                                                              |

Note: A total of 2330 respondents were currently married or living with a man, but 8 did not complete the questions and were excluded from the analysis.

\* These findings are suppressed due to very small numbers (less than 20 respondents in this category), which renders findings unreliable.

Table 4.12b: Weighted lifetime and current prevalence of different forms of economic abuse, and frequency of these acts in the lifetime, among currently married or cohabiting women, Vanuatu 2024

| Different acts of financial/economic intimate partner violence                                      | Among women currently married or living with a male partner (N=2322) |                           | Frequency distribution: number of times each act happened in her lifetime |                          |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                     | Ever happened (%)                                                    | During past 12 months (%) | Once or twice (%)                                                         | Several (5-10) times (%) | Many times / all of the time (%) |
| Prohibited from getting a job, scholarship, or earning an income (unweighted N=179)                 | 9.3                                                                  | 7.6                       | No question was asked on frequency for this act                           |                          |                                  |
| Taken her earnings or savings against her will (unweighted N=259)                                   | 11.3                                                                 | 8.7                       | 65.2                                                                      | 21.2                     | 13.7                             |
| Refused to give money for household expenses, when he has money for other things (unweighted N=584) | 25.8                                                                 | 21.1                      | 44.7                                                                      | 30.3                     | 25.0                             |
| <b>At least one act of financial/economic violence</b>                                              | <b>32.7</b>                                                          | <b>27.0</b>               |                                                                           |                          |                                  |

Note: A total of 2330 respondents were currently married or living with a man, but 8 did not complete the questions and were excluded from the analysis.

Table 4.12c: Financial autonomy among currently married or cohabiting women (weighted), according to women's experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                                                               | No violence (%) | With physical or sexual partner violence (%) | P-value* | Unweighted N (denominator) | All currently married or co-habiting women (%) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Among all currently married/cohabiting women who earned cash (N=1920)</b>                                                  |                 |                                              |          |                            |                                                |
| Respondent able to decide herself how she spends her own earnings                                                             | 44.5            | 38.2                                         | 0.081    | 1920                       | 41.2                                           |
| Respondent contributing more than husband/partner to the family budget                                                        | 24.9            | 25.4                                         | 0.677    | 1920                       | 25.2                                           |
| <b>Among all currently married/cohabiting women who earned cash and cannot decide herself how to spend her money (N=1215)</b> |                 |                                              |          |                            |                                                |
| Respondent has to ask permission from husband before spending money                                                           | 56.0            | 65.2                                         | 0.044    | 1215                       | 61.1                                           |
| <b>Among all currently married/cohabiting women (N=2322)</b>                                                                  |                 |                                              |          |                            |                                                |
| Respondent ever gave up or refused a job/scholarship/income-generation because husband did not want her to work               | 5.3             | 13.0                                         | <.001    | 2322                       | 9.3                                            |
| Respondent's husband took her earnings or savings against her will at least once                                              | 4.2             | 17.8                                         | <.001    | 2322                       | 11.3                                           |
| Respondent's husband refused to give money for household expenses when he had money, at least once                            | 14.8            | 35.7                                         | <.001    | 2322                       | 25.8                                           |
| Respondent could raise enough money to feed/house family for 4 weeks                                                          | 49.9            | 57.1                                         | <.001    | 2322                       | 53.7                                           |
| <b>Among all currently married/cohabiting women whose marriage involved bride price (N=1558)</b>                              |                 |                                              |          |                            |                                                |
| Respondent could raise enough money to repay bride price                                                                      | 26.3            | 26.5                                         | 0.935    | 1558                       | 26.4                                           |

\* The p-value is the result of an unweighted Pearson Chi-Square test of association. The test compares the distribution of each financial autonomy variable (e.g. respondent decides herself how she spends her money) against the 'No violence' and 'With partner violence' categories. The analysis was conducted on the raw, unweighted data, so the p-value reflects the statistical significance of the findings for the sample itself. A p-value of less than 0.05 is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

Table 4.13: Weighted percentage of women who reported they ever initiated violence against their husband/partner, and the frequency distribution of the number of times it happened, among ever-partnered women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | “Have you ever hit or beaten your husband/partner when he was not hitting or beating you?” |                                                     |                            |                    |                            | Frequency distribution: number of time she initiated violence when her husband <u>was not</u> being violent to her |            |            |                           |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
|                                           | Never initiated violence against husband/partner (%)                                       | Ever initiated violence against husband/partner (%) | Don't know/ don't remember | Refused/ no answer | # of ever-partnered women* | Once or twice                                                                                                      | Some-times | Many times | # of ever-partnered women |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 82.5                                                                                       | 16.4                                                | 0.3                        | 0.9                | 2539                       | 66.7                                                                                                               | 23.2       | 10.1       | 388                       |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                                                                            |                                                     |                            |                    |                            |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| Urban                                     | 79.2                                                                                       | 19.1                                                | 0.0                        | 1.6                | 481                        | 62.1                                                                                                               | 25.8       | 12.1       | 86                        |
| Rural                                     | 83.3                                                                                       | 15.6                                                | 0.4                        | 0.7                | 2058                       | 68.2                                                                                                               | 22.3       | 9.5        | 302                       |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                                                            |                                                     |                            |                    |                            |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| Torba                                     | 82.3                                                                                       | 17.7                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 171                        | 79.2                                                                                                               | 15.5       | 5.3        | 31                        |
| Sanma                                     | 79.2                                                                                       | 18.2                                                | 0.8                        | 1.7                | 329                        | 74.7                                                                                                               | 16.4       | 8.9        | 55                        |
| Penama                                    | 95.3                                                                                       | 4.7                                                 | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 400                        | 87.0                                                                                                               | 13.0       | 0.0        | 17                        |
| Malampa                                   | 82.8                                                                                       | 14.6                                                | 1.0                        | 1.6                | 351                        | 79.3                                                                                                               | 15.6       | 5.1        | 55                        |
| Shefa                                     | 82.3                                                                                       | 17.7                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 336                        | 55.8                                                                                                               | 26.4       | 17.7       | 57                        |
| Tafea                                     | 79.7                                                                                       | 18.9                                                | 0.4                        | 0.9                | 471                        | 70.2                                                                                                               | 29.3       | 0.5        | 87                        |
| Port Vila                                 | 78.8                                                                                       | 19.9                                                | 0.0                        | 1.3                | 264                        | 51.8                                                                                                               | 32.1       | 16.1       | 43                        |
| Luganville                                | 80.3                                                                                       | 17.5                                                | 0.0                        | 2.2                | 217                        | 86.9                                                                                                               | 10.9       | 2.3        | 43                        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                                                                            |                                                     |                            |                    |                            |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| Catholic                                  | 88.4                                                                                       | 10.0                                                | 0.4                        | 1.2                | 247                        | 70.0                                                                                                               | 20.7       | 9.3        | 26                        |
| Anglican                                  | 83.9                                                                                       | 15.7                                                | 0.5                        | 0.0                | 377                        | 79.8                                                                                                               | 14.8       | 5.4        | 48                        |
| AOG                                       | 73.0                                                                                       | 26.8                                                | 0.0                        | 0.2                | 165                        | 77.4                                                                                                               | 21.1       | 1.5        | 42                        |
| CoC                                       | 81.0                                                                                       | 18.2                                                | 0.0                        | 0.8                | 168                        | 47.9                                                                                                               | 27.5       | 24.5       | 23                        |
| Presbyterian                              | 81.4                                                                                       | 17.5                                                | 0.1                        | 1.0                | 679                        | 52.3                                                                                                               | 38.3       | 9.4        | 106                       |
| SDA                                       | 86.1                                                                                       | 13.9                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 345                        | 60.0                                                                                                               | 19.6       | 20.5       | 49                        |
| Apostolic**                               | 86.0                                                                                       | 14.0                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 86                         |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| Other Christ                              | 80.2                                                                                       | 16.7                                                | 0.8                        | 2.3                | 389                        | 82.4                                                                                                               | 8.6        | 9.1        | 64                        |
| Other Non-Christ**                        | 77.0                                                                                       | 23.0                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 29                         |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| No Rel/No Ans**                           | 85.9                                                                                       | 12.0                                                | 2.1                        | 0.0                | 54                         |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                                                                            |                                                     |                            |                    |                            |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| No educ                                   | 86.6                                                                                       | 13.4                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 206                        | 72.2                                                                                                               | 27.8       | 0.0        | 23                        |
| Primary                                   | 83.8                                                                                       | 14.7                                                | 0.3                        | 1.2                | 1084                       | 72.4                                                                                                               | 23.6       | 4.0        | 159                       |
| Secondary                                 | 82.9                                                                                       | 16.4                                                | 0.4                        | 0.4                | 1180                       | 67.7                                                                                                               | 22.1       | 10.1       | 192                       |
| Higher/Tert**                             | 56.8                                                                                       | 37.7                                                | 0.0                        | 5.5                | 69                         |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                                                                                            |                                                     |                            |                    |                            |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| 15-19**                                   | 87.2                                                                                       | 10.5                                                | 0.0                        | 2.3                | 83                         |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| 15-17                                     | 87.3                                                                                       | 5.9                                                 | 0.0                        | 6.7                | 24                         |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| 18-19                                     | 87.1                                                                                       | 12.9                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 59                         |                                                                                                                    |            |            |                           |
| 20-24                                     | 79.2                                                                                       | 17.7                                                | 1.1                        | 2.1                | 273                        | 58.8                                                                                                               | 29.3       | 11.9       | 41                        |
| 25-29                                     | 77.9                                                                                       | 20.6                                                | 0.0                        | 1.5                | 387                        | 69.3                                                                                                               | 25.4       | 5.3        | 73                        |
| 30-34                                     | 79.5                                                                                       | 20.5                                                | 0.0                        | 0.0                | 424                        | 53.5                                                                                                               | 21.3       | 25.3       | 66                        |
| 35-39                                     | 85.3                                                                                       | 12.8                                                | 0.4                        | 1.5                | 325                        | 92.7                                                                                                               | 0.9        | 6.3        | 48                        |
| 40-44                                     | 80.2                                                                                       | 19.2                                                | 0.6                        | 0.0                | 307                        | 60.5                                                                                                               | 24.0       | 15.5       | 54                        |
| 45-49                                     | 88.1                                                                                       | 10.9                                                | 0.5                        | 0.5                | 225                        | 66.2                                                                                                               | 32.1       | 1.8        | 26                        |

|                                         | “Have you ever hit or beaten your husband/partner<br>when he was not hitting or beating you?” |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   | Frequency distribution: number<br>of time she initiated violence<br>when her husband <u>was not</u><br><u>being violent to her</u> |                |               |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
|                                         | <u>Never</u><br>initiated<br>violence<br>against<br>husband/<br>partner<br>(%)                | Ever<br>initiated<br>violence<br>against<br>husband/<br>partner<br>(%) | Don't<br>know/<br>don't<br>remember | Refused/<br>no<br>answer | # of ever-<br>partnered<br>women* | Once<br>or<br>twice                                                                                                                | Some-<br>times | Many<br>times | # of ever-<br>partnered<br>women |
| Total Vanuatu                           | 82.5                                                                                          | 16.4                                                                   | 0.3                                 | 0.9                      | 2539                              | 66.7                                                                                                                               | 23.2           | 10.1          | 388                              |
| 50-54                                   | 86.1                                                                                          | 13.3                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 0.5                      | 209                               | 77.9                                                                                                                               | 22.1           | 0.0           | 28                               |
| 55-64                                   | 85.4                                                                                          | 14.4                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 0.2                      | 306                               | 72.7                                                                                                                               | 27.3           | 0.0           | 43                               |
| Socio-economic status                   |                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| Lower                                   | 84.5                                                                                          | 14.5                                                                   | 0.7                                 | 0.4                      | 1370                              | 70.7                                                                                                                               | 25.8           | 3.5           | 199                              |
| Medium                                  | 80.4                                                                                          | 18.3                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 1.3                      | 824                               | 74.0                                                                                                                               | 18.8           | 7.2           | 139                              |
| Higher                                  | 82.1                                                                                          | 16.7                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 1.2                      | 345                               | 45.3                                                                                                                               | 27.2           | 27.5          | 50                               |
| Disability status                       |                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| No difficulty                           | 84.8                                                                                          | 13.7                                                                   | 0.4                                 | 1.0                      | 955                               | 74.6                                                                                                                               | 17.5           | 7.9           | 122                              |
| Some<br>difficulty                      | 81.7                                                                                          | 17.3                                                                   | 0.2                                 | 0.8                      | 1329                              | 65.0                                                                                                                               | 27.7           | 7.3           | 219                              |
| A lot of<br>difficulty                  | 78.4                                                                                          | 20.4                                                                   | 0.2                                 | 1.1                      | 226                               | 57.5                                                                                                                               | 12.9           | 29.6          | 42                               |
| Cannot do at<br>all**                   | 80.0                                                                                          | 20.0                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 0.0                      | 29                                |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| By experience of partner violence***    |                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| no physical or<br>sexual<br>violence    | 88.8                                                                                          | 9.0                                                                    | 0.5                                 | 1.6                      | 1123                              | 50.5                                                                                                                               | 29.3           | 20.2          | 83                               |
| sexual and/or<br>physical               | 76.6                                                                                          | 23.1                                                                   | 0.1                                 | 0.2                      | 1416                              | 72.5                                                                                                                               | 21.0           | 6.5           | 305                              |
| p-value***                              | <.001                                                                                         |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| By type of violence***                  |                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| sexual only**                           | 88.5                                                                                          | 8.7                                                                    | 0.7                                 | 2.1                      | 136                               |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| physical only                           | 80.1                                                                                          | 19.9                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 0.0                      | 685                               | 70.9                                                                                                                               | 21.4           | 7.6           | 126                              |
| both sexual<br>and physical             | 69.2                                                                                          | 30.8                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 0.0                      | 595                               | 76.3                                                                                                                               | 19.7           | 4.0           | 163                              |
| sexual and<br>physical and<br>emotional | 68.4                                                                                          | 31.6                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 0.0                      | 575                               | 76.1                                                                                                                               | 19.9           | 4.1           | 161                              |
| By experience of emotional violence***  |                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |
| no emotional<br>violence                | 92.7                                                                                          | 4.0                                                                    | 0.7                                 | 2.5                      | 826                               | 80.1                                                                                                                               | 15.8           | 4.1           | 36                               |
| emotional<br>violence                   | 76.8                                                                                          | 23.2                                                                   | 0.0                                 | 0.0                      | 1713                              | 65.4                                                                                                                               | 23.9           | 10.7          | 352                              |
| p-value***                              | <.001                                                                                         |                                                                        |                                     |                          |                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                |               |                                  |

\* N=2539 because one women ended her participation in the survey before this question.

\*\* Some findings are suppressed due to very small numbers (less than 20 respondents in these categories), which renders them unreliable.

\*\*\*Chi square test for P-value for association between women with: no physical and/or sexual violence, compared with those who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence; and those with no emotional violence, compared with those who have experienced emotional violence. A p-value of less than 0.05 is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

Table 4.14a: Weighted proportion of women who were with their current/most recent husband/partner during any disasters/emergencies, among ever-partnered women who reported any physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetime (N=1416)\*, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                            | Unweighted<br>N | Weighted<br>% |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Respondent was with her most recent husband or partner during any disaster | 1222            | 81.6          |
| Not with her most recent husband or partner during any disasters           | 190             | 18.2          |
| Don't know, don't remember or refused                                      | 4               | 0.2           |

\* A total of 1417 respondents experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. The analysis in this table is based on N=1416, as 1 woman did not answer any questions after ending the interview at question 706.

Table 4.14b: Weighted distribution by year of the first time the respondent lived through a disaster/emergency with her current/most recent husband/partner, among women who reported any physical or sexual violence in their lifetime and were living with their husband/partner during any disaster or emergency (N=1222), Vanuatu 2024

| Year              | Unweighted N | Weighted % |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| 2020-2024         | 417          | 34.1       |
| 2015-2019         | 415          | 33.7       |
| 2010-2014         | 147          | 10.3       |
| 2005-2009         | 26           | 2.4        |
| 2000-2004         | 77           | 6.5        |
| 1995-1999         | 35           | 3.1        |
| Earlier than 1999 | 105          | 10.0       |

Table 4.14c: Type of disaster faced together (weighted), the first time she was with her current/most recent husband/partner during a disaster/emergency, according to her experience of violence during the disaster (N=1222), Vanuatu 2024

| Type of 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster | <u>No violence in 1<sup>st</sup> disaster together or completely stopped before the 1<sup>st</sup> disaster</u> |             | <u>Violence less during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster together</u> |             | <u>Violence same during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster together</u> |             | <u>Violence worse during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster together</u> |            | <u>Violence started during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster together</u> |            | <u>Violence started after 1<sup>st</sup> disaster together</u> |            | <u>Don't know / don't remember</u> |            | <u>Refused / no answer</u> |            | <u>Total Unweighted</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
|                                  | N                                                                                                               | %           | N                                                            | %           | N                                                            | %           | N                                                             | %          | N                                                               | %          | N                                                              | %          | N                                  | %          | N                          | %          | N                       |
| Tropical cyclone                 | 357                                                                                                             | 31.6        | 368                                                          | 29.4        | 210                                                          | 18.7        | 57                                                            | 5.1        | 35                                                              | 4.2        | 84                                                             | 8.9        | 9                                  | 0.9        | 8                          | 1.1        | 1128                    |
| Flood                            | 1                                                                                                               | 38.1        | 2                                                            | 50.3        | 1                                                            | 4.0         | 0                                                             | 0.0        | 1                                                               | 7.7        | 0                                                              | 0          | 0                                  | 0          | 0                          | 0          | 5                       |
| Drought                          | 2                                                                                                               | 10.6        | 4                                                            | 23.2        | 9                                                            | 36.5        | 4                                                             | 18.4       | 1                                                               | 3.4        | 2                                                              | 8          | 0                                  | 0          | 0                          | 0          | 22                      |
| Volcano                          | 22                                                                                                              | 31.3        | 16                                                           | 27.4        | 8                                                            | 10.0        | 1                                                             | 4.2        | 1                                                               | 2.5        | 6                                                              | 24.5       | 0                                  | 0          | 0                          | 0          | 54                      |
| Other                            | 3                                                                                                               | 20.9        | 2                                                            | 18.5        | 5                                                            | 51.8        | 2                                                             | 8.8        | 0                                                               | 0          | 0                                                              | 0          | 0                                  | 0          | 0                          | 0          | 12                      |
| Don't know, no answer            | 0                                                                                                               | 0           | 0                                                            | 0           | 0                                                            | 0.0         | 1                                                             | 100        | 0                                                               | 0          | 0                                                              | 0          | 0                                  | 0          | 0                          | 0          | 1                       |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>385</b>                                                                                                      | <b>31.2</b> | <b>392</b>                                                   | <b>29.2</b> | <b>233</b>                                                   | <b>18.9</b> | <b>65</b>                                                     | <b>5.4</b> | <b>38</b>                                                       | <b>4.1</b> | <b>92</b>                                                      | <b>9.2</b> | <b>9</b>                           | <b>0.9</b> | <b>8</b>                   | <b>1.1</b> | <b>1222</b>             |



Table 4.14d: Overview of women's experience of violence during the first disaster/emergency with her current/most recent husband/partner, among ever-partnered women who ever experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who lived through a disaster with their current/most recent partner (N=1222), Vanuatu 2024

| Breakdown of experience during disaster                                                                                                                                                               | Unweighted<br>N | %<br>(weighted) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total with violence during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster:</b> including those with <u>less</u> , <u>same</u> or <u>more</u> , and those for whom violence <u>started</u> during 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster | 728             | 57.6            |
| <b>Total no violence during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster:</b> violence stopped completely <u>before</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster or violence began <u>after</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster                   | 477             | 40.4            |
| Total don't know, no answer, refused                                                                                                                                                                  | 17              | 2.0             |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1222</b>     | <b>100</b>      |

Table 4.14e: Weighted proportion of women who experienced partner violence during the first disaster/emergency with her current/most recent husband/partner (N=1222), Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Number of ever partnered women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetime, who were with current/most recent husband/ partner during a disaster/ emergency (unweighted N) | Number of ever partnered women who experienced physical or sexual violence during the <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> disaster/ emergency with their current/ most recent husband/ partner (unweighted N) | Weighted proportion of IPV survivors who experienced violence during the <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> disaster/ emergency together (N=1222) (%) |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 1222                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 728                                                                                                                                                                                             | 57.6                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |
| Urban                                     | 147                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 94                                                                                                                                                                                              | 59.7                                                                                                                                     |
| Rural                                     | 1075                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 634                                                                                                                                                                                             | 57.3                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |
| Torba                                     | 110                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 82                                                                                                                                                                                              | 71.8                                                                                                                                     |
| Sanma                                     | 180                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 118                                                                                                                                                                                             | 71.0                                                                                                                                     |
| Penama                                    | 238                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 90                                                                                                                                                                                              | 37.2                                                                                                                                     |
| Malampa                                   | 169                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 58                                                                                                                                                                                              | 31.7                                                                                                                                     |
| Shefa                                     | 105                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 59                                                                                                                                                                                              | 53.4                                                                                                                                     |
| Tafea                                     | 273                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 227                                                                                                                                                                                             | 83.3                                                                                                                                     |
| Port Vila                                 | 57                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 36                                                                                                                                                                                              | 57.6                                                                                                                                     |
| Luganville                                | 90                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 58                                                                                                                                                                                              | 62.8                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |
| Catholic                                  | 122                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 69                                                                                                                                                                                              | 56.8                                                                                                                                     |
| Anglican                                  | 202                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 119                                                                                                                                                                                             | 55.3                                                                                                                                     |
| AOG                                       | 84                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 64                                                                                                                                                                                              | 77.3                                                                                                                                     |
| CoC                                       | 82                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 37                                                                                                                                                                                              | 47.6                                                                                                                                     |
| Presbyterian                              | 288                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 166                                                                                                                                                                                             | 57.3                                                                                                                                     |
| SDA                                       | 167                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 97                                                                                                                                                                                              | 48.5                                                                                                                                     |
| Apostolic                                 | 31                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 17                                                                                                                                                                                              | 60.0                                                                                                                                     |
| Other Christian                           | 198                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 121                                                                                                                                                                                             | 62.0                                                                                                                                     |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 16                                                                                                                                                                                              | 85.4                                                                                                                                     |
| No Rel/ No Answer                         | 30                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 22                                                                                                                                                                                              | 60.0                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |
| No educ                                   | 110                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 74                                                                                                                                                                                              | 58.5                                                                                                                                     |

|                                | Number of ever partnered women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetime, who were with current/most recent husband/ partner during a disaster/ emergency (unweighted N) | Number of ever partnered women who experienced physical or sexual violence during the <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> disaster/ emergency with their current/ most recent husband/ partner (unweighted N) | Weighted proportion of IPV survivors who experienced violence during the <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> disaster/ emergency together (N=1222) (%) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | <b>1222</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>728</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>57.6</b>                                                                                                                              |
| Primary                        | 552                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 319                                                                                                                                                                                             | 57.2                                                                                                                                     |
| Secondary                      | 536                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 324                                                                                                                                                                                             | 58.6                                                                                                                                     |
| Higher/Tertiary                | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 11                                                                                                                                                                                              | 40.7                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |
| 15-19*                         | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6                                                                                                                                                                                               | 64.7                                                                                                                                     |
| 20-24                          | 133                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 86                                                                                                                                                                                              | 68.5                                                                                                                                     |
| 25-29                          | 194                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 120                                                                                                                                                                                             | 58.3                                                                                                                                     |
| 30-34                          | 224                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 139                                                                                                                                                                                             | 57.3                                                                                                                                     |
| 35-39                          | 175                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 103                                                                                                                                                                                             | 56.7                                                                                                                                     |
| 40-44                          | 153                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 91                                                                                                                                                                                              | 56.1                                                                                                                                     |
| 45-49                          | 100                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 54                                                                                                                                                                                              | 48.2                                                                                                                                     |
| 50-54                          | 97                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 54                                                                                                                                                                                              | 52.9                                                                                                                                     |
| 55-64                          | 131                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 75                                                                                                                                                                                              | 58.5                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |
| Lower                          | 754                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 451                                                                                                                                                                                             | 58.1                                                                                                                                     |
| Medium                         | 375                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 220                                                                                                                                                                                             | 57.5                                                                                                                                     |
| Higher                         | 93                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 57                                                                                                                                                                                              | 56.3                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |
| No difficulty                  | 411                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 233                                                                                                                                                                                             | 56.9                                                                                                                                     |
| Some                           | 690                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 427                                                                                                                                                                                             | 58.2                                                                                                                                     |
| A lot                          | 104                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 59                                                                                                                                                                                              | 58.5                                                                                                                                     |
| Cannot do                      | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9                                                                                                                                                                                               | 42.1                                                                                                                                     |

\* Breakdown of 15-19 age group (15-17 and 18-19) not shown due to very small number of respondents who were with a current or most recent partner/husband during any disaster or emergency.

Table 4.14f: Ways that violence by husbands/partners changed during the first disaster/emergency together (weighted), among ever-partnered women who ever experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who lived through a disaster with their current/most recent partner (N=1222), Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                | Urban (N=147) % | Rural (N=1075) % | Total Vanuatu (N=1222) % |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Less during 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster                                           | 27.0            | 29.6             | 29.2                     |
| Same during 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster                                           | 17.7            | 19.1             | 18.9                     |
| Worse during 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster                                          | 10.5            | 4.6              | 5.4                      |
| Started during 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster                                        | 4.5             | 4.1              | 4.1                      |
| <b>Sub-total, experienced violence during 1<sup>st</sup> disaster together</b> | <b>59.7</b>     | <b>57.4</b>      | <b>57.6</b>              |
| Don't know, don't remember, refused                                            | 4.1             | 1.5              | 2.0                      |
| No violence during 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster                                    | 36.2            | 41.1             | 40.4                     |

Table 4.14g: Number of disasters the respondent faced with her husband/partner, among women who reported any physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetime from the current or most recent husband/partner (N=817), Vanuatu 2024

| Number of disasters respondents lived through with current/most recent husband or partner | N (unweighted) | % (weighted) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| One disaster only                                                                         | 116            | 14.2         |
| Between 2 and 5 disasters                                                                 | 488            | 59.7         |
| More than 5 disasters (6+)                                                                | 213            | 26.1         |

Note: 820 women experienced partner violence during any disaster with their current or most recent husband/partner. N=817 above because 3 did not answer this question.

Table 4.14h: Weighted frequency of partner violence by husbands/partners during any disaster/emergency, among women who reported physical or sexual partner violence in their lifetime, and were with their current/most recent partner during any disaster/emergency (N=1222), Vanuatu 2024

| Frequency of violence during ANY disaster                                                               | Urban (N=147) % | Rural (N=1074) % | Total (N=1222) % | Total N (unweighted) | Frequency distribution (N=820 unweighted) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Did not happen during any disasters she lived through together with husband/partner*                    | 26.2            | 33.1             | 32.1             | 393                  |                                           |
| Happened during one disaster                                                                            | 29.3            | 29.1             | 29.1             | 338                  | 41%                                       |
| Happened during some disasters                                                                          | 25.9            | 27.8             | 27.6             | 378                  | 46%                                       |
| Happened during all disasters                                                                           | 13.2            | 5.4              | 6.5              | 72                   | 9%                                        |
| Happened during 1 <sup>st</sup> disaster, but did not answer question on how many disasters it happened | 3.1             | 3.5              | 3.5              | 32                   | 4%                                        |
| Experienced violence during ANY disaster (total)                                                        | 71.5            | 65.8             | 66.7             | 1222                 | 100%                                      |
| Don't know, don't remember, refused                                                                     | 2.3             | 1.1              | 1.2              | 9                    |                                           |

\* This includes 385 who did not experience partner violence in the 1<sup>st</sup> disaster, and 8 who never experienced violence during any disaster they lived through together with their current/most recent husband or partner.

Table 4.14i: Weighted percentage of women who went to an official agency for help during or after partner violence during disasters/emergencies, among women who experienced physical or sexual violence during any emergencies with the current or most recent husband/partner, Vanuatu 2024

|                                    | N* (unweighted) | Ever-partnered women who experienced any type of violence during disaster and went official agency for help (%) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total Vanuatu                      | 791             | 15.9                                                                                                            |
| Urban- Rural                       |                 |                                                                                                                 |
| Urban                              | 100             | 24.4                                                                                                            |
| Rural                              | 691             | 14.4                                                                                                            |
| Location (province and urban area) |                 |                                                                                                                 |
| Torba                              | 95              | 7.3                                                                                                             |
| Sanma                              | 116             | 22.1                                                                                                            |
| Penama                             | 106             | 9.8                                                                                                             |
| Malampa                            | 71              | 17.4                                                                                                            |

|                                | N*<br>(unweighted) | Ever-partnered women who<br>experienced any type of violence<br>during disaster and went official<br>agency for help<br>(%) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 791                | 15.9                                                                                                                        |
| Shefa                          | 66                 | 4.6                                                                                                                         |
| Tafea                          | 237                | 18.6                                                                                                                        |
| Port Vila                      | 42                 | 16.1                                                                                                                        |
| Luganville                     | 58                 | 37.6                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Religion</b>                |                    |                                                                                                                             |
| Catholic                       | 71                 | 18.0                                                                                                                        |
| Anglican                       | 137                | 9.2                                                                                                                         |
| Assemblies of God              | 65                 | 11.4                                                                                                                        |
| Church of Christ               | 40                 | 36.8                                                                                                                        |
| Presbyterian                   | 172                | 14.2                                                                                                                        |
| Seventh Day Adventist          | 109                | 12.3                                                                                                                        |
| Apostolic                      | 20                 | 32.2                                                                                                                        |
| Other Christian                | 137                | 20.1                                                                                                                        |
| Other Non-Christian            | 15                 | 0.0                                                                                                                         |
| No Religion/ No Answer         | 25                 | 4.4                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                    |                                                                                                                             |
| No education                   | 79                 | 4.6                                                                                                                         |
| Primary                        | 341                | 13.5                                                                                                                        |
| Secondary                      | 355                | 19.7                                                                                                                        |
| Higher/Tertiary                | 16                 | 16.1                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                    |                                                                                                                             |
| 15-19*                         | 8                  | 0.0                                                                                                                         |
| 20-24                          | 93                 | 14.5                                                                                                                        |
| 25-29                          | 134                | 14.8                                                                                                                        |
| 30-34                          | 151                | 16.7                                                                                                                        |
| 35-39                          | 117                | 17.9                                                                                                                        |
| 40-44                          | 95                 | 14.4                                                                                                                        |
| 45-49                          | 58                 | 22.5                                                                                                                        |
| 50-54                          | 58                 | 9.6                                                                                                                         |
| 55-64                          | 77                 | 19.9                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                    |                                                                                                                             |
| Lower                          | 490                | 9.6                                                                                                                         |
| Medium                         | 245                | 22.6                                                                                                                        |
| Higher                         | 56                 | 21.0                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                    |                                                                                                                             |
| No difficulty                  | 257                | 19.6                                                                                                                        |
| Some difficulty                | 456                | 14.7                                                                                                                        |
| A lot of difficulty            | 66                 | 11.8                                                                                                                        |
| Cannot do at all               | 12                 | 10.2                                                                                                                        |

\* A total of 820 women experienced partner violence during any of the disasters that they lived through with the current or most recent husband/partner. Only 791 of these women answered this question.

Table 4.14j: Reasons for not seeking help with partner violence during disaster or recovery (weighted), among women who experienced physical or sexual violence during any emergencies with the current or most recent partner, (N=671), Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                 | Urban  |      | Rural  |      | Total Vanuatu |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|--------|------|---------------|------|
| Reason for not seeking help with partner violence during disaster or recovery * | Number | %    | Number | %    | Number        | %    |
| No services available                                                           | 1      | 1.4  | 82     | 11.1 | 83            | 9.8  |
| Could not reach services                                                        | 11     | 14.3 | 168    | 28.1 | 179           | 26.2 |
| Disaster and recovery was more important/no time to get help                    | 3      | 2.2  | 58     | 7.6  | 61            | 6.9  |
| Didn't know where to go                                                         | 11     | 17.2 | 161    | 25.5 | 172           | 24.4 |
| Fearful of more violence                                                        | 23     | 26.7 | 173    | 30.1 | 196           | 29.7 |
| Other                                                                           | 31     | 44.6 | 65     | 14.6 | 96            | 18.6 |

\* Multiple answers could be given, therefore the total percentage is greater than 100%.

Table 4.15a: Weighted prevalence of technology-facilitated abuse\*, among ever-partnered women who have ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media, compared with all ever-partnered women\*\*, Vanuatu, 2024

|                                           | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 months prevalence (%) | # of ever-partnered women who ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media (N) | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 months prevalence (%) | # of ever-partnered women (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>19.4</b>             | <b>14.2</b>              | <b>2040</b>                                                                                | <b>16.3</b>             | <b>12.0</b>              | <b>2540</b>                   |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                         |                          |                                                                                            |                         |                          |                               |
| Urban                                     | 18.4                    | 10.9                     | 449                                                                                        | 17.4                    | 10.2                     | 482                           |
| Rural                                     | 19.7                    | 15.3                     | 1591                                                                                       | 16.1                    | 12.4                     | 2058                          |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                         |                          |                                                                                            |                         |                          |                               |
| Torba                                     | 25.6                    | 14.7                     | 91                                                                                         | 14.8                    | 8.5                      | 171                           |
| Sanma                                     | 19.1                    | 12.8                     | 268                                                                                        | 15.8                    | 10.6                     | 329                           |
| Penama                                    | 8.8                     | 6.8                      | 326                                                                                        | 7.0                     | 5.5                      | 400                           |
| Malampa                                   | 23.1                    | 17.4                     | 286                                                                                        | 18.9                    | 14.2                     | 351                           |
| Shefa                                     | 21.1                    | 18.0                     | 293                                                                                        | 19.1                    | 16.2                     | 336                           |
| Tafea                                     | 22.6                    | 17.2                     | 327                                                                                        | 15.7                    | 12.0                     | 471                           |
| Port Vila                                 | 13.1                    | 8.6                      | 246                                                                                        | 12.4                    | 8.1                      | 264                           |
| Luganville                                | 29.8                    | 15.7                     | 203                                                                                        | 27.9                    | 14.7                     | 218                           |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                         |                          |                                                                                            |                         |                          |                               |
| Catholic                                  | 15.7                    | 10.4                     | 207                                                                                        | 13.5                    | 9.0                      | 247                           |
| Anglican                                  | 13.6                    | 9.4                      | 268                                                                                        | 10.5                    | 7.3                      | 377                           |
| AOG                                       | 25.9                    | 22.5                     | 135                                                                                        | 22.4                    | 19.4                     | 165                           |
| CoC                                       | 15.4                    | 8.7                      | 147                                                                                        | 13.6                    | 7.7                      | 168                           |
| Presbyterian                              | 21.5                    | 16.8                     | 545                                                                                        | 18.1                    | 14.2                     | 679                           |
| SDA                                       | 23.0                    | 16.2                     | 296                                                                                        | 20.4                    | 14.4                     | 345                           |
| Apostolic                                 | 11.5                    | 7.3                      | 77                                                                                         | 10.5                    | 6.6                      | 87                            |
| Other Christn                             | 18.4                    | 13.5                     | 310                                                                                        | 15.1                    | 11.1                     | 389                           |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 32.8                    | 15.5                     | 21                                                                                         | 27.2                    | 12.9                     | 29                            |
| No Rel/ No Answer                         | 18.2                    | 17.1                     | 34                                                                                         | 12.5                    | 11.8                     | 54                            |

|                                | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 months prevalence (%) | # of ever-partnered women who ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media (N) | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 months prevalence (%) | # of ever-partnered women (N) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | <b>19.4</b>             | <b>14.2</b>              | <b>2040</b>                                                                                | <b>16.3</b>             | <b>12.0</b>              | <b>2540</b>                   |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                         |                          |                                                                                            |                         |                          |                               |
| No educ                        | 12.5                    | 10.2                     | 98                                                                                         | 6.2                     | 5.1                      | 206                           |
| Primary                        | 14.6                    | 9.9                      | 798                                                                                        | 11.3                    | 7.6                      | 1,085                         |
| Secondary                      | 22.7                    | 17.6                     | 1,076                                                                                      | 21.0                    | 16.2                     | 1,180                         |
| High/ Tert                     | 21.1                    | 9.9                      | 68                                                                                         | 21.0                    | 9.9                      | 69                            |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                         |                          |                                                                                            |                         |                          |                               |
| 15-19                          | 32.6                    | 31.6                     | 71                                                                                         | 29.3                    | 28.5                     | 83                            |
| 15-17***                       |                         |                          |                                                                                            | 28.7                    | 28.7                     | 24                            |
| 18-19                          | 30.9                    | 29.5                     | 52                                                                                         | 29.6                    | 28.3                     | 59                            |
| 20-24                          | 24.8                    | 17.9                     | 242                                                                                        | 22.3                    | 16.2                     | 273                           |
| 25-29                          | 23.6                    | 16.7                     | 344                                                                                        | 22.0                    | 15.6                     | 387                           |
| 30-34                          | 30.5                    | 22.1                     | 367                                                                                        | 27.7                    | 20.1                     | 424                           |
| 35-39                          | 21.7                    | 15.9                     | 271                                                                                        | 18.9                    | 13.8                     | 325                           |
| 40-44                          | 11.9                    | 8.2                      | 253                                                                                        | 9.9                     | 6.8                      | 307                           |
| 45-49                          | 7.0                     | 5.8                      | 163                                                                                        | 5.5                     | 4.6                      | 226                           |
| 50-54                          | 8.3                     | 3.9                      | 141                                                                                        | 6.2                     | 2.9                      | 209                           |
| 55-64                          | 3.0                     | 0.6                      | 188                                                                                        | 2.0                     | 0.4                      | 306                           |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                         |                          |                                                                                            |                         |                          |                               |
| Lower                          | 19.6                    | 14.6                     | 990                                                                                        | 14.9                    | 11.1                     | 1370                          |
| Medium                         | 19.9                    | 14.2                     | 719                                                                                        | 17.4                    | 12.4                     | 825                           |
| Higher                         | 18.2                    | 13.6                     | 331                                                                                        | 17.4                    | 13.0                     | 345                           |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                         |                          |                                                                                            |                         |                          |                               |
| No difficulty                  | 15.9                    | 10.5                     | 792                                                                                        | 13.7                    | 9.0                      | 955                           |
| Some                           | 19.7                    | 15.5                     | 1044                                                                                       | 16.4                    | 12.9                     | 1329                          |
| A lot                          | 31.0                    | 21.9                     | 177                                                                                        | 26.0                    | 18.3                     | 227                           |
| Cannot do                      | 13.0                    | 4.6                      | 27                                                                                         | 12.2                    | 4.3                      | 29                            |

\*Technology-facilitated abuse in the Vanuatu 2024 survey is defined as the following unwanted actions: restricted her access to any device or site; asked her to perform a sexual act including recording this; sent her or made her watch messages images of a sexual nature; asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature; threatened to share private or sexual images of her without permission; and monitored her phone or other device to track her movements or communications.

\*\* All ever-partnered women includes both those who have accessed or used electronic devices and social media and those ever-partnered women who have not accessed or used devices or social media.

\*\*\* Findings are suppressed due to very small numbers (less than 20 respondents), which renders them unreliable.

Note: Only women who have ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media were asked the questions on technology-facilitated abuse. Prevalence of technology-facilitated abuse is also shown among all ever-partnered women for comparability.

Table 4.15b: Weighted lifetime and current prevalence of specific and unwanted acts of technology-facilitated abuse\*, and the frequency of these acts in the past 12 months, among all ever-partnered women\*\*, Vanuatu, 2024

| Acts performed without the respondent's consent                                                                                | Among ever-partnered women <u>who ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media</u> (N=2040) |                           | Among <u>all</u> ever-partnered women (N=2540) |                           | Frequency distribution of number of times these acts happened in past 12 months*** |               |                |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                                                | Ever happened (%)                                                                                       | During last 12 months (%) | Ever happened (%)                              | During last 12 months (%) | One time (%)                                                                       | Few times (%) | Many times (%) | Unweighted N |
| a. Restricted access to phone, other device or to any internet or social media site                                            | 10.8                                                                                                    | 7.2                       | 9.1                                            | 6.0                       | 25.0                                                                               | 39.7          | 35.3           | 136          |
| b. Asked to perform sexual acts over the phone or any other device that she did not want                                       | 2.6                                                                                                     | 1.8                       | 2.2                                            | 1.5                       | 34.5                                                                               | 48.3          | 17.2           | 29           |
| c. Sent her messages or images or made her watch something of a sexual nature that she did not want                            | 2.5                                                                                                     | 1.9                       | 2.1                                            | 1.6                       | 31.7                                                                               | 56.1          | 12.2           | 41           |
| d. Asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature that she did not want                                               | 2.5                                                                                                     | 1.6                       | 2.1                                            | 1.4                       | 33.3                                                                               | 56.7          | 10.0           | 30           |
| e. Threatened to share private or sexual images on any social media site, or actually did share them, without her permission # | 1.1                                                                                                     | 1.1                       | 1.0                                            | 0.9                       |                                                                                    |               |                |              |
| f. Monitored her phone or other devices, to track her movements or who she talks to                                            | 10.8                                                                                                    | 8.3                       | 9.1                                            | 7.0                       | 25.5                                                                               | 51.0          | 23.4           | 145          |
| <b>At least one type of TFA</b>                                                                                                | <b>19.4</b>                                                                                             | <b>14.2</b>               | <b>16.3</b>                                    | <b>12.0</b>               |                                                                                    |               |                |              |
| <b>At least one type of sexual TFA (b to e)</b>                                                                                | <b>4.5</b>                                                                                              | <b>3.3</b>                | <b>3.8</b>                                     | <b>2.8</b>                |                                                                                    |               |                |              |
| <b>At least type act of TFA coercive control (a or f)</b>                                                                      | <b>17.7</b>                                                                                             | <b>13.0</b>               | <b>14.9</b>                                    | <b>11.0</b>               |                                                                                    |               |                |              |

\* This refers to specific acts of technology-facilitated abuse measured in the Vanuatu 2024 survey by husbands/intimate partners without the respondent's consent, including each of the acts summarised in this table.

\*\*All ever-partnered women includes both those who have accessed or used electronic devices and social media and those ever-partnered women who have not accessed or used devices or social media.

\*\*\* Frequency distribution is for ever-partnered women who have ever used or access electronic devices of social media who experienced the act in the last 12 months.

# Findings for 12 months frequency distribution are suppressed due to very small numbers (less than 20 respondents), which renders them unreliable.

Note: Only women who have ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media were asked the questions on technology-facilitated abuse. Prevalence of technology-facilitated abuse is also shown among all ever-partnered women for comparability.



Table 4.15c: Weighted prevalence of different acts of technology-facilitated abuse\*, among ever-partnered women who have used or accessed electronic devices or social media, by urban/rural location, Vanuatu, 2024

| Acts performed without the respondent's consent                                                                                | Urban<br>(N=449)        |                                 | Rural<br>(N=1591)    |                                 | Total Vanuatu<br>ever-partnered women who have<br>ever used or accessed electronic<br>devices or social media (N=2040) |                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                | Ever<br>happened<br>(%) | During last 12<br>months<br>(%) | Ever happened<br>(%) | During last 12<br>months<br>(%) | Ever happened<br>(%)                                                                                                   | During last 12<br>months<br>(%) |
| a. Restricted access to phone, other device or to any internet or social media site                                            | 12.0                    | 6.2                             | 10.4                 | 7.5                             | 10.8                                                                                                                   | 7.2                             |
| b. Asked to perform sexual acts over the phone or any other device that she did not want                                       | 1.6                     | 1.1                             | 3.0                  | 2.0                             | 2.6                                                                                                                    | 1.8                             |
| c. Sent her messages or images or made her watch something of a sexual nature that she did not want                            | 2.2                     | 1.7                             | 2.6                  | 2.0                             | 2.5                                                                                                                    | 1.9                             |
| d. Asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature that she did not want                                               | 2.7                     | 1.1                             | 2.4                  | 1.8                             | 2.5                                                                                                                    | 1.6                             |
| e. Threatened to share private or sexual images on any social media site, or actually did share them, without her permission # | 1.0                     | 1.0                             | 1.2                  | 1.1                             | 1.1                                                                                                                    | 1.1                             |
| f. Monitored her phone or other devices, to track her movements or who she talks to                                            | 9.7                     | 5.2                             | 11.1                 | 9.2                             | 10.8                                                                                                                   | 8.3                             |
| <b>At least one type of TFA</b>                                                                                                | <b>18.4</b>             | <b>10.9</b>                     | <b>19.7</b>          | <b>15.3</b>                     | <b>19.4</b>                                                                                                            | <b>14.2</b>                     |
| <b>At least one type of sexual TFA (b to e)</b>                                                                                | <b>4.4</b>              | <b>3.0</b>                      | <b>4.5</b>           | <b>3.4</b>                      | <b>4.5</b>                                                                                                             | <b>3.3</b>                      |
| <b>At least type act of TFA coercive control over mobility or access to communications (a or f)</b>                            | <b>16.2</b>             | <b>9.4</b>                      | <b>18.1</b>          | <b>14.2</b>                     | <b>17.7</b>                                                                                                            | <b>13.0</b>                     |

\* This refers to specific acts of technology-facilitated abuse measured in the Vanuatu 2024 survey by husbands/intimate partners without the respondent's consent, including each of the acts summarised in this table.

Table 4.15d: Weighted prevalence of technology-facilitated abuse (TFA)\*, among ever-partnered women who experienced TFA, by type of TFA and participation in overseas seasonal work, and its overlap with other forms of coercion, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                                      | Husband/<br>partner<br>working<br>overseas<br>when TFA<br>occurred<br>(%) | Respondent<br>working/<br>studying<br>overseas<br>when TFA<br>occurred<br>(%) | Husband or<br>respondent<br>overseas<br>when TFA<br>occurred<br>(%) | TFA<br>accompanied<br>by threats to<br>leave, withhold<br>money, take<br>children away<br>or spread<br>rumours<br>(%) | Unweighted<br>N |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>At least one act of TFA</b>                                                                       | <b>29.1</b>                                                               | <b>7.0</b>                                                                    | <b>29.9</b>                                                         | <b>22.6</b>                                                                                                           | <b>371</b>      |
| <u>Only</u> sexual TFA: at least<br>one act (b to e)                                                 | 45.2                                                                      | 6.5                                                                           | 45.2                                                                | 25.8                                                                                                                  | 31              |
| <u>Only</u> TFA coercive<br>control over mobility or<br>communications: at least<br>one act (a or f) | 21.8                                                                      | 3.9                                                                           | 22.2                                                                | 17.3                                                                                                                  | 284             |
| <u>Both</u> sexual and coercive<br>control TFA                                                       | 57.1                                                                      | 23.2                                                                          | 60.7                                                                | 48.2                                                                                                                  | 56              |

\* This refers to specific acts of technology-facilitated abuse measured in the Vanuatu 2024 survey by husbands/intimate partners without the respondent's consent, including each of the acts listed in Tables 4.15b and 4.15c.

Table 4.16: Summary of weighted prevalence for the five types of intimate partner violence, among ever-partnered women aged 15-64 and 15-49 (for Sustainable Development Goals indicator), Vanuatu 2024

| Type of intimate partner violence (IPV)                | Age 15-64    |              |              |                    | Age 15-49 – SDG indicators |              |              |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                                                        | Unweighted N | Lifetime (%) | Unweighted N | Last 12 months (%) | Unweighted N               | Lifetime (%) | Unweighted N | Last 12 months (%) |
| Physical                                               | 1281         | 46.8         | 646          | 24.8               | 1055                       | 48.3         | 594          | 28.5               |
| Sexual                                                 | 731          | 26.2         | 376          | 14.9               | 603                        | 27.3         | 341          | 17.0               |
| Physical and/or sexual                                 | 1417         | 52.2         | 772          | 29.8               | 1163                       | 53.9         | 706          | 34.3               |
| Emotional                                              | 1714         | 64.4         | 1151         | 44.1               | 1413                       | 67.1         | 1026         | 49.7               |
| Controlling behaviour                                  | 1833         | 72.7         | 1427         | 59.2               | 1506                       | 75.7         | 1234         | 64.8               |
| Economic*                                              | 737          | 32.7         | 572          | 27.0               | 615                        | 34.3         | 496          | 29.5               |
| <b>Any form of IPV (one or more of all five forms)</b> | <b>2218</b>  | <b>85.9</b>  | <b>1758</b>  | <b>70.5</b>        | <b>1812</b>                | <b>88.8</b>  | <b>1523</b>  | <b>77.3</b>        |
| No form of IPV                                         | 322          | 14.1         | 782          | 29.5               | 213                        | 11.2         | 502          | 22.7               |
| <b>Total ever-partnered women</b>                      | <b>2540</b>  |              | <b>2540</b>  |                    | <b>2025</b>                |              | <b>2025</b>  |                    |

\* The denominator for economic violence is a smaller cohort of women, and includes only those who are currently married or co-habiting with a husband or partner.

Table 4.16a: Overlap of lifetime physical and sexual partner violence (weighted), among ever-partnered women aged 15-64, Vanuatu 2024

| Type of intimate partner violence (IPV) | Unweighted<br>N | Lifetime<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Physical and sexual violence (both)     | 595             | 20.8            |
| Physical only (not sexual)              | 685             | 26.0            |
| Sexual only (not physical)              | 136             | 5.4             |
| <b>Physical and/or sexual</b>           | <b>1417</b>     | <b>52.2</b>     |

Table 4.16b: Overlap of lifetime physical, sexual and emotional partner violence (weighted), among ever-partnered women aged 15-64, Vanuatu 2024

| Type of intimate partner violence (IPV) | Unweighted<br>N | Lifetime<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Physical and sexual and emotional       | 575             | 20.1            |
| Physical and sexual only                | 20              | 0.7             |
| Physical and emotional only             | 620             | 23.4            |
| Sexual and emotional only               | 100             | 3.9             |
| Sexual only                             | 36              | 1.5             |
| Emotional only                          | 418             | 16.9            |
| Physical only                           | 65              | 2.6             |
| <b>Physical or sexual or emotional</b>  | <b>1835</b>     | <b>69.2*</b>    |

\* Sub-categories total 69.1 (rather than 69.2) due to rounding.

Table 4.17: Weighted percentage of women living with multiple types of intimate partner violence, among ever-partnered women aged 15-64, Vanuatu 2024

| Number of different types of intimate partner violence (IPV) experienced* | Unweighted<br>N | Lifetime<br>(%) | Unweighted<br>N | Last 12<br>months<br>(%) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| No IPV                                                                    | 322             | 14.2            | 782             | 29.5                     |
| Any 1 type of IPV                                                         | 447             | 18.6            | 559             | 23.6                     |
| Any 2 types of IPV                                                        | 490             | 18.8            | 468             | 17.8                     |
| Any 3 types of IPV                                                        | 529             | 21.5            | 357             | 14.0                     |
| Any 4 types of IPV                                                        | 478             | 16.8            | 264             | 10.3                     |
| All 5 types of IPV                                                        | 274             | 10.1            | 110             | 4.8                      |
| <b>Total</b>                                                              | <b>2540</b>     | <b>100</b>      | <b>2540</b>     | <b>100</b>               |

\* The five types of intimate partner violence (IPV) include physical, sexual, emotional, controlling behaviour and economic abuse by husbands or partners.

Table 4.17a: Weighted percentage of women living with multiple types of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, among ever-partnered women aged 15-64, by location, Vanuatu 2024

| Location             | No IPV %    | Any 1 type of IPV % | Any 2 type of IPV % | Any 3 types of IPV % | Any 4 types of IPV % | All 5 types of IPV % | Unweighted N |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Torba                | 4.7         | 10.0                | 17.9                | 25.7                 | 24.5                 | 17.2                 | 171          |
| Sanma                | 6.4         | 15.3                | 15.6                | 27.1                 | 21.6                 | 14.0                 | 329          |
| Penama               | 12.7        | 14.9                | 14.5                | 26.3                 | 24.0                 | 7.6                  | 400          |
| Malampa              | 12.7        | 14.1                | 21.3                | 21.7                 | 14.9                 | 15.4                 | 351          |
| Shefa                | 19.8        | 25.0                | 15.9                | 21.0                 | 11.4                 | 6.9                  | 336          |
| Tafea                | 10.9        | 14.6                | 18.4                | 16.0                 | 24.5                 | 15.6                 | 471          |
| Port Vila            | 19.1        | 23.8                | 27.2                | 16.1                 | 9.8                  | 4.0                  | 264          |
| Luganville           | 12.5        | 15.4                | 22.0                | 24.2                 | 16.9                 | 9.0                  | 218          |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b> | <b>14.2</b> | <b>18.6</b>         | <b>18.8</b>         | <b>21.5</b>          | <b>16.8</b>          | <b>10.1</b>          | <b>2540</b>  |

\* The five types of intimate partner violence (IPV) include physical, sexual, emotional, controlling behaviour and economic abuse by husbands or partners.

Table 4.17b: Weighted percentage of women living with multiple types of intimate partner violence in last 12 months, among ever-partnered women aged 15-64, by location, Vanuatu 2024

| Location             | No IPV %    | Any 1 type of IPV % | Any 2 type of IPV % | Any 3 types of IPV % | Any 4 types of IPV % | All 5 types of IPV % | Unweighted N |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Torba                | 36.4        | 18.8                | 15.4                | 14.7                 | 8.8                  | 5.9                  | 171          |
| Sanma                | 22.1        | 23.0                | 20.1                | 15.7                 | 12.1                 | 7.1                  | 329          |
| Penama               | 31.9        | 22.4                | 17.2                | 14.1                 | 10.9                 | 3.5                  | 400          |
| Malampa              | 29.5        | 16.3                | 23.3                | 15.4                 | 10.6                 | 4.9                  | 351          |
| Shefa                | 29.9        | 27.7                | 12.9                | 13.8                 | 11.3                 | 4.4                  | 336          |
| Tafea                | 28.7        | 17.8                | 19.4                | 15.2                 | 12.5                 | 6.3                  | 471          |
| Port Vila            | 29.7        | 28.8                | 20.8                | 11.1                 | 6.2                  | 3.5                  | 264          |
| Luganville           | 35.4        | 27.0                | 14.6                | 12.2                 | 7.0                  | 3.8                  | 218          |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b> | <b>29.5</b> | <b>23.6</b>         | <b>17.8</b>         | <b>14.0</b>          | <b>10.3</b>          | <b>4.8</b>           | <b>2540</b>  |

\* The five types of intimate partner violence (IPV) include physical, sexual, emotional, controlling behaviour and economic abuse by husbands or partners.

Table 5.1: Weighted prevalence and frequency\* of physical violence by non-partners since the age of 15 (lifetime) and in the past 12 months, among all interviewed women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Ever had non-partner physical violence since age 15 (%) | Among women reporting non-partner physical violence in their lifetime (N=993 unweighted) |                                                 |                                                |                                                              | Had non-partner physical violence in past 12 months (%) | Among women reporting non-partner physical violence in past 12 months (N=286 unweighted) |                                                 |                                                | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                           |                                                         | Physical violence by any person 1 time (%)                                               | Physical violence by any person a few times (%) | Physical violence by any person many times (%) | Physical violence by any person - frequency not reported (%) |                                                         | Physical violence by any person 1 time (%)                                               | Physical violence by any person a few times (%) | Physical violence by any person many times (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 34.7                                                    | 51.2                                                                                     | 42.1                                            | 6.4                                            | 0.3                                                          | 11.3                                                    | 60.5                                                                                     | 34.8                                            | 4.7                                            | 2,762                                      |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                            |
| Urban                                     | 27.4                                                    | 43.0                                                                                     | 47.5                                            | 9.6                                            | 0.0                                                          | 8.8                                                     | 58.1                                                                                     | 39.7                                            | 2.2                                            | 539                                        |
| Rural                                     | 36.6                                                    | 52.8                                                                                     | 41.0                                            | 5.8                                            | 0.4                                                          | 11.9                                                    | 61.0                                                                                     | 33.8                                            | 5.2                                            | 2,223                                      |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                            |
| Torba                                     | 55.2                                                    | 33.4                                                                                     | 45.6                                            | 21.0                                           | 0.0                                                          | 15.1                                                    | 67.4                                                                                     | 18.8                                            | 13.8                                           | 180                                        |
| Sanma                                     | 35.2                                                    | 57.3                                                                                     | 23.8                                            | 16.6                                           | 2.2                                                          | 14.5                                                    | 69.8                                                                                     | 12.4                                            | 17.8                                           | 369                                        |
| Penama                                    | 30.6                                                    | 50.2                                                                                     | 48.2                                            | 1.6                                            | 0.0                                                          | 18.4                                                    | 51.4                                                                                     | 47.6                                            | 1.0                                            | 424                                        |
| Malampa                                   | 37.9                                                    | 59.3                                                                                     | 37.4                                            | 3.3                                            | 0.0                                                          | 11.7                                                    | 75.9                                                                                     | 21.8                                            | 2.3                                            | 368                                        |
| Shefa                                     | 28.7                                                    | 53.3                                                                                     | 45.6                                            | 1.1                                            | 0.0                                                          | 9.0                                                     | 40.4                                                                                     | 58.8                                            | 0.8                                            | 393                                        |
| Tafea                                     | 57.1                                                    | 50.0                                                                                     | 46.5                                            | 3.5                                            | 0.0                                                          | 9.6                                                     | 85.1                                                                                     | 14.9                                            | 0.0                                            | 489                                        |
| Port Vila                                 | 22.3                                                    | 37.0                                                                                     | 62.1                                            | 1.0                                            | 0.0                                                          | 6.8                                                     | 56.6                                                                                     | 43.4                                            | 0.0                                            | 295                                        |
| Luganville                                | 37.9                                                    | 50.2                                                                                     | 30.0                                            | 19.9                                           | 0.0                                                          | 12.7                                                    | 59.6                                                                                     | 35.7                                            | 4.6                                            | 244                                        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                            |
| Catholic                                  | 36.2                                                    | 45.4                                                                                     | 52.2                                            | 2.4                                            | 0.0                                                          | 13.9                                                    | 59.2                                                                                     | 40.8                                            | 0.0                                            | 267                                        |
| Anglican                                  | 29.6                                                    | 42.4                                                                                     | 43.4                                            | 10.9                                           | 3.4                                                          | 13.8                                                    | 56.4                                                                                     | 37.1                                            | 6.5                                            | 409                                        |
| AOG                                       | 31.7                                                    | 55.3                                                                                     | 31.3                                            | 13.4                                           | 0.0                                                          | 8.8                                                     | 74.6                                                                                     | 20.4                                            | 5.0                                            | 179                                        |
| Church of Christ                          | 36.6                                                    | 51.2                                                                                     | 38.5                                            | 10.3                                           | 0.0                                                          | 15.7                                                    | 58.0                                                                                     | 29.5                                            | 12.5                                           | 186                                        |
| Presbyterian                              | 33.8                                                    | 53.0                                                                                     | 41.2                                            | 5.8                                            | 0.0                                                          | 9.4                                                     | 56.6                                                                                     | 34.4                                            | 9.0                                            | 735                                        |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 36.6                                                    | 52.9                                                                                     | 41.1                                            | 6.0                                            | 0.0                                                          | 11.1                                                    | 58.4                                                                                     | 39.1                                            | 2.5                                            | 379                                        |
| Apostolic                                 | 39.0                                                    | 60.6                                                                                     | 34.2                                            | 5.2                                            | 0.0                                                          | 14.9                                                    | 66.6                                                                                     | 33.4                                            | 0.0                                            | 94                                         |

|                                | Ever had non-partner physical violence since age 15 (%) | Among women reporting non-partner physical violence in their lifetime (N=993 unweighted) |                                                 |                                                |                                                              | Had non-partner physical violence in past 12 months (%) | Among women reporting non-partner physical violence in past 12 months (N=286 unweighted) |                                                 |                                                | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                |                                                         | Physical violence by any person 1 time (%)                                               | Physical violence by any person a few times (%) | Physical violence by any person many times (%) | Physical violence by any person - frequency not reported (%) |                                                         | Physical violence by any person 1 time (%)                                               | Physical violence by any person a few times (%) | Physical violence by any person many times (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 34.7                                                    | 51.2                                                                                     | 42.1                                            | 6.4                                            | 0.3                                                          | 11.3                                                    | 60.5                                                                                     | 34.8                                            | 4.7                                            | 2,762                                      |
| Other Christian                | 35.1                                                    | 48.6                                                                                     | 46.3                                            | 5.1                                            | 0.0                                                          | 10.4                                                    | 65.6                                                                                     | 34.4                                            | 0.0                                            | 425                                        |
| Other Non-Christian            | 38.6                                                    | 59.1                                                                                     | 39.4                                            | 1.5                                            | 0.0                                                          | 3.3                                                     | 56.2                                                                                     | 43.8                                            | 0.0                                            | 32                                         |
| No Religion/ No Answer         | 40.6                                                    | 73.3                                                                                     | 26.7                                            | 0.0                                            | 0.0                                                          | 8.0                                                     | 100.0                                                                                    | 0.0                                             | 0.0                                            | 56                                         |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                            |
| No education                   | 37.4                                                    | 54.7                                                                                     | 41.8                                            | 3.5                                            | 0.0                                                          | 6.5                                                     | 75.6                                                                                     | 24.4                                            | 0.0                                            | 210                                        |
| Primary                        | 32.8                                                    | 47.7                                                                                     | 45.1                                            | 7.2                                            | 0.0                                                          | 9.5                                                     | 55.6                                                                                     | 37.3                                            | 7.1                                            | 1,118                                      |
| Secondary                      | 34.4                                                    | 51.3                                                                                     | 41.6                                            | 6.6                                            | 0.5                                                          | 12.7                                                    | 62.9                                                                                     | 32.9                                            | 4.1                                            | 1,355                                      |
| Higher/ Tertiary               | 50.3                                                    | 65.7                                                                                     | 31.0                                            | 3.3                                            | 0.0                                                          | 12.5                                                    | 47.7                                                                                     | 52.3                                            | 0.0                                            | 79                                         |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                            |
| 15-19                          | 38.4                                                    | 57.7                                                                                     | 36.2                                            | 6.2                                            | 0.0                                                          | 24.3                                                    | 58.9                                                                                     | 39.6                                            | 1.6                                            | 229                                        |
| 15-17                          | 44.1                                                    | 67.7                                                                                     | 28.0                                            | 4.3                                            | 0.0                                                          | 33.1                                                    | 68.3                                                                                     | 29.3                                            | 2.4                                            | 121                                        |
| 18-19                          | 33.3                                                    | 45.7                                                                                     | 46.0                                            | 8.4                                            | 0.0                                                          | 16.4                                                    | 41.5                                                                                     | 58.5                                            | 0.0                                            | 108                                        |
| 20-24                          | 39.9                                                    | 47.2                                                                                     | 44.8                                            | 8.0                                            | 0.0                                                          | 12.9                                                    | 76.5                                                                                     | 12.7                                            | 10.8                                           | 321                                        |
| 25-29                          | 37.3                                                    | 55.7                                                                                     | 32.6                                            | 9.5                                            | 2.3                                                          | 9.9                                                     | 63.1                                                                                     | 32.9                                            | 4.0                                            | 398                                        |
| 30-34                          | 33.2                                                    | 56.0                                                                                     | 37.2                                            | 6.9                                            | 0.0                                                          | 8.2                                                     | 52.6                                                                                     | 44.6                                            | 2.8                                            | 426                                        |
| 35-39                          | 38.1                                                    | 61.1                                                                                     | 35.4                                            | 3.5                                            | 0.0                                                          | 10.2                                                    | 69.6                                                                                     | 24.0                                            | 6.4                                            | 328                                        |
| 40-44                          | 26.4                                                    | 51.2                                                                                     | 45.3                                            | 3.5                                            | 0.0                                                          | 5.4                                                     | 63.5                                                                                     | 36.5                                            | 0.0                                            | 312                                        |
| 45-49                          | 30.9                                                    | 39.1                                                                                     | 56.1                                            | 4.8                                            | 0.0                                                          | 6.3                                                     | 54.4                                                                                     | 45.6                                            | 0.0                                            | 228                                        |
| 50-54                          | 26.3                                                    | 49.9                                                                                     | 47.2                                            | 2.9                                            | 0.0                                                          | 4.1                                                     | 64.7                                                                                     | 35.3                                            | 0.0                                            | 210                                        |
| 55-64                          | 33.6                                                    | 33.5                                                                                     | 58.8                                            | 7.7                                            | 0.0                                                          | 9.3                                                     | 34.8                                                                                     | 52.6                                            | 12.7                                           | 310                                        |



|                              | Ever had non-partner physical violence since age 15 (%) | Among women reporting non-partner physical violence in their lifetime (N=993 unweighted) |                                                 |                                                |                                                              | Had non-partner physical violence in past 12 months (%) | Among women reporting non-partner physical violence in past 12 months (N=286 unweighted) |                                                 |                                                | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                              |                                                         | Physical violence by any person 1 time (%)                                               | Physical violence by any person a few times (%) | Physical violence by any person many times (%) | Physical violence by any person - frequency not reported (%) |                                                         | Physical violence by any person 1 time (%)                                               | Physical violence by any person a few times (%) | Physical violence by any person many times (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 34.7                                                    | 51.2                                                                                     | 42.1                                            | 6.4                                            | 0.3                                                          | 11.3                                                    | 60.5                                                                                     | 34.8                                            | 4.7                                            | 2,762                                      |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                            |
| Lower                        | 37.9                                                    | 54.1                                                                                     | 40.8                                            | 5.1                                            | 0.0                                                          | 11.8                                                    | 71.1                                                                                     | 23.3                                            | 5.6                                            | 1,456                                      |
| Medium                       | 34.6                                                    | 47.8                                                                                     | 42.6                                            | 8.8                                            | 0.8                                                          | 11.3                                                    | 49.8                                                                                     | 44.3                                            | 5.8                                            | 904                                        |
| Higher                       | 28.7                                                    | 50.6                                                                                     | 44.5                                            | 5.0                                            | 0.0                                                          | 10.2                                                    | 56.9                                                                                     | 42.4                                            | 0.6                                            | 402                                        |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                |                                            |
| No difficulty                | 33.4                                                    | 51.2                                                                                     | 44.6                                            | 4.1                                            | 0.0                                                          | 12.2                                                    | 58.7                                                                                     | 37.0                                            | 4.3                                            | 1,079                                      |
| Some difficulty              | 35.9                                                    | 50.1                                                                                     | 42.5                                            | 6.8                                            | 0.6                                                          | 10.9                                                    | 58.7                                                                                     | 37.8                                            | 3.5                                            | 1,409                                      |
| A lot of difficulty          | 33.5                                                    | 52.6                                                                                     | 32.8                                            | 14.6                                           | 0.0                                                          | 8.5                                                     | 73.4                                                                                     | 9.4                                             | 17.2                                           | 240                                        |
| Cannot do at all             | 32.4                                                    | 88.5                                                                                     | 11.5                                            | 0.0                                            | 0.0                                                          | 20.2                                                    | 100.0                                                                                    | 0.0                                             | 0.0                                            | 34                                         |

\* If more than one perpetrator was mentioned by the respondent, the frequency reported in this table is based on the perpetrator with the highest frequency.

Table 5.2a: Weighted prevalence of physical violence by non-partners since age 15, among all interviewed women, broken down by number and type of perpetrator, Vanuatu 2024

|                                       | Non-partner physical violence since age 15 years old |            | Non-partner physical violence in past 12 months |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                                       | N=993<br>Unweighted                                  | % Weighted | N=286<br>Unweighted                             | % Weighted |
| <b>Number of perpetrators</b>         |                                                      |            |                                                 |            |
| One perpetrator                       | 769                                                  | 80.9       | 242                                             | 81.3       |
| More than one perpetrator             | 224                                                  | 19.1       | 44                                              | 18.8       |
| Total                                 | 993                                                  | 100.0      | 286                                             | 100.0      |
| <b>Type of perpetrator (grouped)*</b> |                                                      |            |                                                 |            |
| Male family member(s)                 | 584                                                  | 54.6       | 154                                             | 51.0       |
| Female family member(s)               | 209                                                  | 20.8       | 76                                              | 28.1       |
| Male other(s)                         | 312                                                  | 30.9       | 80                                              | 26.2       |
| Female others(s)                      | 69                                                   | 9.1        | 27                                              | 13.3       |
| <b>Type of perpetrator (detail)*#</b> |                                                      |            |                                                 |            |
| Father/stepfather                     | 345                                                  | 31.2       | 98                                              | 31.9       |
| Mother/stepmother                     | 136                                                  | 11.5       | 59                                              | 17.2       |
| Male adoptive parent/family member    | 13                                                   | 1.4        | 4                                               | 1.9        |
| Female adoptive parent/family member  | 3                                                    | 0.4        | 0                                               |            |
| Brother                               | 145                                                  | 12.6       | 42                                              | 14.3       |
| Sister                                | 37                                                   | 4.3        | 11                                              | 6.6        |
| Other male family member              | 146                                                  | 14.2       | 34                                              | 10.5       |
| Other female family member            | 36                                                   | 4.7        | 6                                               | 4.3        |
| Teacher - male                        | 98                                                   | 8.0        | 22                                              | 6.0        |
| Teacher - female                      | 9                                                    | 0.6        | 2                                               | 0.4        |
| Police/Soldier - male                 | 1                                                    | 0.1        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Police/Soldier - female               | 1                                                    | 0.2        | 1                                               | 0.7        |
| Doctor/Health staff - male            | 0                                                    | 0.0        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Doctor/Health staff - female          | 0                                                    | 0.0        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Church leader - male                  | 1                                                    | 0.1        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Church leader - female                | 0                                                    | 0.0        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Chief: male                           | 1                                                    | 0.0        | 1                                               | 0.1        |
| Someone at work - male                | 0                                                    | 0.0        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Someone at work - female              | 0                                                    | 0.0        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Friend - male                         | 123                                                  | 12.4       | 27                                              | 9.8        |
| Friend - female                       | 22                                                   | 3.9        | 9                                               | 4.3        |
| Boyfriend - male**                    | 91                                                   | 8.5        | 29                                              | 7.7        |
| Friend of family - male               | 37                                                   | 2.9        | 8                                               | 2.2        |
| Friend of family - female             | 3                                                    | 0.1        | 1                                               | 0.2        |
| Neighbour - male                      | 22                                                   | 1.8        | 7                                               | 2.1        |
| Neighbour - female                    | 7                                                    | 0.4        | 2                                               | 0.5        |
| Stranger - male                       | 12                                                   | 1.9        | 2                                               | 0.4        |
| Stranger - female                     | 4                                                    | 0.4        | 0                                               | 0.0        |
| Other - male                          | 6                                                    | 1.2        | 1                                               | 2.0        |
| Other - female                        | 22                                                   | 3.3        | 12                                              | 7.2        |

\* More than one answer could be given, therefore the total percentage of perpetrators may be greater than 100%.

\*\* Includes one response entered as "female" perpetrator in the lifetime but not in the past 12 months. categories: male or female health staff, female church leaders, or a male or female person at work.

Table 5.2b: Weighted prevalence of physical or emotional violence in childhood under the age of 15, by type of violence and family, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                                                     | Urban N=539<br>unweighted   | Rural N=2223<br>unweighted*  | Total Vanuatu<br>N=2762<br>unweighted |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                     | Ever happened<br>(%)        | Ever happened<br>(%)         | Ever happened (%)                     |
| Slapped or spanked with a hand                                                                                      | 32.2                        | 48.9                         | 45.4                                  |
| Beaten, hit or kicked with a fist                                                                                   | 19.1                        | 29.9                         | 27.6                                  |
| Hit with a belt, stick, broom, iron, wood or something else                                                         | 45.7                        | 66.0                         | 61.7                                  |
| Tied with a rope                                                                                                    | 3.0                         | 3.4                          | 3.3                                   |
| Insulted or humiliated regularly                                                                                    | 38.1                        | 53.8                         | 50.5                                  |
| Any other act of abuse                                                                                              | 2.5                         | 3.2                          | 3.1                                   |
| <b>At least one act of physical or emotional violence</b>                                                           | <b>58.0</b>                 | <b>75.8</b>                  | <b>72.0</b>                           |
| <b>Type of family situation</b>                                                                                     |                             |                              |                                       |
| <b>Number of women who experienced at least one act of physical or emotional violence under the age of 15 years</b> | <b>N=323<br/>unweighted</b> | <b>N=1760<br/>unweighted</b> | <b>N=2083<br/>unweighted</b>          |
| Occurred in birth family                                                                                            | 92.8                        | 89.3                         | 89.9                                  |
| Occurred in adoptive family                                                                                         | 1.3                         | 4.0                          | 3.5                                   |
| Occurred in both birth & adoptive family                                                                            | 4.4                         | 6.1                          | 5.8                                   |
| Don't know, refused                                                                                                 | 1.5                         | 0.6                          | 0.8                                   |
| Total                                                                                                               | 100.0                       | 100.0                        | 100.0                                 |

\* Includes one respondent in the denominator who didn't answer these questions.

Table 5.3: Weighted prevalence of sexual violence by non-partners since the age of 15 (lifetime) and in the past 12 months, among all interviewed women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Lifetime (since age 15) |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  | Current (past 12 months) |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                           | Forced intercourse (%)  | Attempted intercourse or unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts or forcing her to touch their private parts (%) | Sexual violence: including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, & unwanted touching (excludes sexual harassment*) (%) | All forms of sexual violence & harassment: forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, unwanted touching & sexual harassment* (%) | Forced intercourse (%)   | Attempted intercourse or unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts or forcing her to touch their private parts (%) | Sexual violence: including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, & unwanted touching (excludes sexual harassment*) (%) | All forms of sexual violence & harassment: forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, unwanted touching & sexual harassment* (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 11.6                    | 16.7                                                                                                                             | 21.2                                                                                                                        | 26.4                                                                                                                             | 1.6                      | 2.7                                                                                                                              | 3.4                                                                                                                         | 7.1                                                                                                                              | 2762                                       |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| Urban                                     | 5.6                     | 13.3                                                                                                                             | 15.2                                                                                                                        | 16.5                                                                                                                             | 2.1                      | 3.3                                                                                                                              | 3.8                                                                                                                         | 4.7                                                                                                                              | 539                                        |
| Rural                                     | 13.1                    | 17.6                                                                                                                             | 22.8                                                                                                                        | 29.1                                                                                                                             | 1.4                      | 2.6                                                                                                                              | 3.3                                                                                                                         | 7.7                                                                                                                              | 2223                                       |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| Torba                                     | 26.4                    | 43.1                                                                                                                             | 46.1                                                                                                                        | 48.0                                                                                                                             | 1.8                      | 6.2                                                                                                                              | 7.1                                                                                                                         | 7.1                                                                                                                              | 180                                        |
| Sanma                                     | 12.8                    | 15.7                                                                                                                             | 21.1                                                                                                                        | 25.6                                                                                                                             | 1.9                      | 4.3                                                                                                                              | 4.5                                                                                                                         | 8.0                                                                                                                              | 369                                        |
| Penama                                    | 11.9                    | 13.4                                                                                                                             | 19.5                                                                                                                        | 24.4                                                                                                                             | 1.5                      | 3.8                                                                                                                              | 4.4                                                                                                                         | 5.5                                                                                                                              | 424                                        |
| Malampa                                   | 16.0                    | 23.6                                                                                                                             | 29.4                                                                                                                        | 47.6                                                                                                                             | 1.4                      | 2.5                                                                                                                              | 3.3                                                                                                                         | 18.3                                                                                                                             | 368                                        |
| Shefa                                     | 8.0                     | 11.1                                                                                                                             | 16.2                                                                                                                        | 19.7                                                                                                                             | 1.1                      | 1.3                                                                                                                              | 2.4                                                                                                                         | 5.5                                                                                                                              | 393                                        |
| Tafea                                     | 20.5                    | 26.1                                                                                                                             | 30.3                                                                                                                        | 33.9                                                                                                                             | 1.5                      | 1.6                                                                                                                              | 2.3                                                                                                                         | 2.3                                                                                                                              | 489                                        |
| Port Vila                                 | 1.5                     | 6.2                                                                                                                              | 7.2                                                                                                                         | 7.2                                                                                                                              | 0.0                      | 0.3                                                                                                                              | 0.3                                                                                                                         | 0.3                                                                                                                              | 295                                        |
| Luganville                                | 14.1                    | 27.6                                                                                                                             | 31.4                                                                                                                        | 35.4                                                                                                                             | 6.3                      | 9.4                                                                                                                              | 11.1                                                                                                                        | 13.7                                                                                                                             | 244                                        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| Catholic                                  | 11.8                    | 17.2                                                                                                                             | 22.6                                                                                                                        | 24.1                                                                                                                             | 0.6                      | 2.6                                                                                                                              | 2.8                                                                                                                         | 3.5                                                                                                                              | 267                                        |
| Anglican                                  | 11.0                    | 20.2                                                                                                                             | 23.1                                                                                                                        | 27.3                                                                                                                             | 1.0                      | 5.4                                                                                                                              | 5.8                                                                                                                         | 7.3                                                                                                                              | 409                                        |
| AoG                                       | 18.2                    | 20.9                                                                                                                             | 23.8                                                                                                                        | 26.4                                                                                                                             | 1.7                      | 2.1                                                                                                                              | 2.1                                                                                                                         | 3.2                                                                                                                              | 179                                        |
| C of Christ                               | 8.8                     | 11.7                                                                                                                             | 16.8                                                                                                                        | 18.8                                                                                                                             | 1.0                      | 2.1                                                                                                                              | 2.1                                                                                                                         | 2.9                                                                                                                              | 186                                        |
| Presbyterian                              | 11.0                    | 15.5                                                                                                                             | 20.2                                                                                                                        | 24.1                                                                                                                             | 1.9                      | 2.4                                                                                                                              | 2.7                                                                                                                         | 4.7                                                                                                                              | 735                                        |
| SDA                                       | 12.9                    | 15.1                                                                                                                             | 21.8                                                                                                                        | 34.0                                                                                                                             | 2.9                      | 1.7                                                                                                                              | 4.1                                                                                                                         | 14.5                                                                                                                             | 379                                        |

|                                | Lifetime (since age 15) |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  | Current (past 12 months) |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                | Forced intercourse (%)  | Attempted intercourse or unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts or forcing her to touch their private parts (%) | Sexual violence: including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, & unwanted touching (excludes sexual harassment*) (%) | All forms of sexual violence & harassment: forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, unwanted touching & sexual harassment* (%) | Forced intercourse (%)   | Attempted intercourse or unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts or forcing her to touch their private parts (%) | Sexual violence: including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, & unwanted touching (excludes sexual harassment*) (%) | All forms of sexual violence & harassment: forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, unwanted touching & sexual harassment* (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 11.6                    | 16.7                                                                                                                             | 21.2                                                                                                                        | 26.4                                                                                                                             | 1.6                      | 2.7                                                                                                                              | 3.4                                                                                                                         | 7.1                                                                                                                              | 2762                                       |
| Apostolic                      | 7.8                     | 14.0                                                                                                                             | 17.8                                                                                                                        | 29.7                                                                                                                             | 1.1                      | 1.0                                                                                                                              | 2.1                                                                                                                         | 11.9                                                                                                                             | 94                                         |
| Other Christian                | 10.7                    | 19.3                                                                                                                             | 22.2                                                                                                                        | 25.9                                                                                                                             | 0.8                      | 3.7                                                                                                                              | 4.1                                                                                                                         | 7.5                                                                                                                              | 425                                        |
| Non-Christian                  | 19.0                    | 16.9                                                                                                                             | 24.4                                                                                                                        | 35.4                                                                                                                             | 2.6                      | 1.5                                                                                                                              | 4.0                                                                                                                         | 10.1                                                                                                                             | 32                                         |
| No Religion/No Answer          | 6.8                     | 10.4                                                                                                                             | 13.3                                                                                                                        | 18.4                                                                                                                             | 2.8                      | 0.0                                                                                                                              | 2.8                                                                                                                         | 2.8                                                                                                                              | 56                                         |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| No education                   | 9.8                     | 13.1                                                                                                                             | 15.7                                                                                                                        | 22.4                                                                                                                             | 0.0                      | 1.4                                                                                                                              | 1.4                                                                                                                         | 4.3                                                                                                                              | 210                                        |
| Primary                        | 14.6                    | 18.6                                                                                                                             | 23.8                                                                                                                        | 25.8                                                                                                                             | 1.6                      | 2.5                                                                                                                              | 3.1                                                                                                                         | 3.8                                                                                                                              | 1118                                       |
| Secondary                      | 10.6                    | 16.2                                                                                                                             | 20.7                                                                                                                        | 27.8                                                                                                                             | 1.8                      | 3.1                                                                                                                              | 4.1                                                                                                                         | 9.6                                                                                                                              | 1355                                       |
| Higher/Tertiary                | 1.6                     | 12.5                                                                                                                             | 13.0                                                                                                                        | 18.2                                                                                                                             | 0.3                      | 0.0                                                                                                                              | 0.3                                                                                                                         | 2.4                                                                                                                              | 79                                         |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| 15-19                          | 11.7                    | 16.9                                                                                                                             | 22.1                                                                                                                        | 38.7                                                                                                                             | 6.4                      | 9.5                                                                                                                              | 12.6                                                                                                                        | 29.2                                                                                                                             | 229                                        |
| 15-17                          | 12.1                    | 19.5                                                                                                                             | 23.4                                                                                                                        | 32.6                                                                                                                             | 6.4                      | 15.4                                                                                                                             | 16.0                                                                                                                        | 24.6                                                                                                                             | 121                                        |
| 18-19                          | 11.4                    | 14.5                                                                                                                             | 20.9                                                                                                                        | 44.2                                                                                                                             | 6.4                      | 4.2                                                                                                                              | 9.5                                                                                                                         | 33.4                                                                                                                             | 108                                        |
| 20-24                          | 11.6                    | 21.0                                                                                                                             | 22.8                                                                                                                        | 25.8                                                                                                                             | 0.8                      | 2.8                                                                                                                              | 3.3                                                                                                                         | 4.7                                                                                                                              | 321                                        |
| 25-29                          | 9.5                     | 15.3                                                                                                                             | 19.9                                                                                                                        | 25.7                                                                                                                             | 0.6                      | 0.7                                                                                                                              | 1.0                                                                                                                         | 4.3                                                                                                                              | 398                                        |
| 30-34                          | 12.9                    | 16.6                                                                                                                             | 21.0                                                                                                                        | 23.9                                                                                                                             | 1.1                      | 1.7                                                                                                                              | 1.7                                                                                                                         | 2.2                                                                                                                              | 426                                        |
| 35-39                          | 13.6                    | 22.3                                                                                                                             | 28.7                                                                                                                        | 31.8                                                                                                                             | 0.9                      | 2.8                                                                                                                              | 3.0                                                                                                                         | 3.7                                                                                                                              | 328                                        |
| 40-44                          | 14.6                    | 19.2                                                                                                                             | 23.6                                                                                                                        | 26.6                                                                                                                             | 0.7                      | 0.7                                                                                                                              | 1.1                                                                                                                         | 2.5                                                                                                                              | 312                                        |
| 45-49                          | 12.6                    | 11.1                                                                                                                             | 18.6                                                                                                                        | 20.3                                                                                                                             | 0.2                      | 1.6                                                                                                                              | 1.9                                                                                                                         | 1.9                                                                                                                              | 228                                        |
| 50-54                          | 11.4                    | 10.5                                                                                                                             | 15.5                                                                                                                        | 17.7                                                                                                                             | 0.6                      | 0.2                                                                                                                              | 0.8                                                                                                                         | 1.4                                                                                                                              | 210                                        |

|                              | Lifetime (since age 15) |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  | Current (past 12 months) |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                              | Forced intercourse (%)  | Attempted intercourse or unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts or forcing her to touch their private parts (%) | Sexual violence: including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, & unwanted touching (excludes sexual harassment*) (%) | All forms of sexual violence & harassment: forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, unwanted touching & sexual harassment* (%) | Forced intercourse (%)   | Attempted intercourse or unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts or forcing her to touch their private parts (%) | Sexual violence: including forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, & unwanted touching (excludes sexual harassment*) (%) | All forms of sexual violence & harassment: forced intercourse, attempted intercourse, unwanted touching & sexual harassment* (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 11.6                    | 16.7                                                                                                                             | 21.2                                                                                                                        | 26.4                                                                                                                             | 1.6                      | 2.7                                                                                                                              | 3.4                                                                                                                         | 7.1                                                                                                                              | 2762                                       |
| 55-64                        | 7.0                     | 13.4                                                                                                                             | 16.6                                                                                                                        | 18.1                                                                                                                             | 0.0                      | 0.4                                                                                                                              | 0.4                                                                                                                         | 0.7                                                                                                                              | 310                                        |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| Lower                        | 15.0                    | 20.7                                                                                                                             | 26.3                                                                                                                        | 34.6                                                                                                                             | 2.1                      | 3.4                                                                                                                              | 4.5                                                                                                                         | 10.0                                                                                                                             | 1456                                       |
| Medium                       | 11.9                    | 15.3                                                                                                                             | 20.2                                                                                                                        | 23.7                                                                                                                             | 0.7                      | 2.0                                                                                                                              | 2.5                                                                                                                         | 4.8                                                                                                                              | 904                                        |
| Higher                       | 4.4                     | 11.5                                                                                                                             | 13.1                                                                                                                        | 15.5                                                                                                                             | 1.9                      | 2.5                                                                                                                              | 3.1                                                                                                                         | 5.3                                                                                                                              | 402                                        |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| No difficulty                | 9.0                     | 12.8                                                                                                                             | 16.2                                                                                                                        | 20.5                                                                                                                             | 0.9                      | 0.9                                                                                                                              | 1.6                                                                                                                         | 3.4                                                                                                                              | 1079                                       |
| Some difficulty              | 13.3                    | 19.3                                                                                                                             | 24.5                                                                                                                        | 30.8                                                                                                                             | 2.1                      | 3.9                                                                                                                              | 4.8                                                                                                                         | 10.0                                                                                                                             | 1409                                       |
| A lot difficulty             | 12.4                    | 18.6                                                                                                                             | 23.4                                                                                                                        | 26.1                                                                                                                             | 1.6                      | 3.1                                                                                                                              | 3.3                                                                                                                         | 5.4                                                                                                                              | 240                                        |
| Cannot at all                | 9.0                     | 13.8                                                                                                                             | 20.7                                                                                                                        | 28.2                                                                                                                             | 0.0                      | 3.7                                                                                                                              | 3.7                                                                                                                         | 8.6                                                                                                                              | 34                                         |

\* Sexual harassment includes: at work (unwanted requests for sex or for dates to get or keep a job or get promotion, or comments or jokes that made her feel uncomfortable); at school or other education institutions (unwanted requests for sexual acts in order to pass an exam or get good grades); and sexual comments or gestures in other places that were offensive to the respondent.

Table 5.4a: Weighted percentage of all interviewed women who ever experienced sexual violence and harassment by non-partners since age 15, by frequency, number and type of perpetrator, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Lifetime since age 15 |              |                                                                                  |               |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
|                                           | Forced intercourse    |              | Attempted intercourse or other unwanted sexual acts including sexual harassment* |               |
|                                           | Unweighted<br>N=380   | Weighted %   | Unweighted<br>N=651                                                              | Weighted<br>% |
| <b>Frequency**</b>                        |                       |              |                                                                                  |               |
| Once by any one perpetrator               | 259                   | 70.3         | 361                                                                              | 59.4          |
| Few times by any perpetrator              | 105                   | 24.6         | 251                                                                              | 33.2          |
| Many times by any perpetrator             | 16                    | 5.1          | 38                                                                               | 7.2           |
| Frequency not reported                    |                       |              | 1                                                                                | 0.2           |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>380</b>            | <b>100.0</b> | <b>651</b>                                                                       | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Number of perpetrators</b>             |                       |              |                                                                                  |               |
| One perpetrator                           | 327                   | 86.0         | 517                                                                              | 76.2          |
| More than one perpetrator***              | 53                    | 14.0         | 133                                                                              | 23.6          |
| Number of perpetrators not reported       |                       |              | 1                                                                                | 0.2           |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>380</b>            | <b>100</b>   | <b>651</b>                                                                       | <b>100</b>    |
| <b>Type of perpetrator (grouped)****</b>  |                       |              |                                                                                  |               |
| Male family member(s)                     | 152                   | 39.3         | 218                                                                              | 27.5          |
| Female family member(s)                   | 0                     | 0.0          | 5                                                                                | 0.9           |
| Male other(s)                             | 262                   | 70.3         | 475                                                                              | 74.9          |
| Female others(s)                          | 1                     | 0.2          | 11                                                                               | 3.0           |
| <b>Type of perpetrator (detail)**** #</b> |                       |              |                                                                                  |               |
| Father/stepfather                         | 13                    | 5.0          | 14                                                                               | 4.2           |
| Mother/stepmother                         | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Male adoptive parent/family member        | 5                     | 1.8          | 4                                                                                | 0.4           |
| Female adoptive parent/family member      | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Brother                                   | 10                    | 2.0          | 16                                                                               | 2.3           |
| Sister                                    | 0                     | 0.0          | 3                                                                                | 0.6           |
| Other male family member                  | 125                   | 30.9         | 188                                                                              | 20.9          |
| Other female family member                | 0                     | 0.0          | 2                                                                                | 0.3           |
| Teacher - male                            | 6                     | 1.7          | 13                                                                               | 1.3           |
| Teacher - female                          | 0                     | 0.0          | 1                                                                                | 0.4           |
| Police/Soldier - male                     | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Police/Soldier - female                   | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Doctor/Health staff - male                | 1                     | 0.2          | 1                                                                                | 0.1           |
| Doctor/Health staff - female              | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Church leader - male                      | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Church leader - female                    | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Chief                                     | 1                     | 0.2          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Someone at work - male                    | 0                     | 0.0          | 12                                                                               | 1.8           |
| Someone at work - female                  | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Friend - male                             | 78                    | 19.2         | 185                                                                              | 26.0          |
| Friend - female                           | 0                     | 0.0          | 5                                                                                | 1.2           |
| Boyfriend – male #                        | 89                    | 21.0         | 121                                                                              | 23.2          |
| Friend of family - male                   | 23                    | 5.6          | 55                                                                               | 13.7          |
| Friend of family - female                 | 0                     | 0.0          | 0                                                                                | 0.0           |
| Neighbour - male                          | 50                    | 14.3         | 72                                                                               | 8.9           |



|                   | Lifetime since age 15 |            |                                                                                  |            |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                   | Forced intercourse    |            | Attempted intercourse or other unwanted sexual acts including sexual harassment* |            |
|                   | Unweighted<br>N=380   | Weighted % | Unweighted<br>N=651                                                              | Weighted % |
| Neighbour- female | 0                     | 0.0        | 1                                                                                | 0.1        |
| Stranger - male   | 43                    | 10.6       | 107                                                                              | 16.0       |
| Stranger - female | 0                     | 0.0        | 1                                                                                | 0.8        |
| Other - male      | 6                     | 4.7        | 23                                                                               | 5.2        |
| Other - female    | 0                     | 0.0        | 2                                                                                | 0.5        |

\*Includes attempted intercourse, unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts, forcing her to touch their private parts, and sexual harassment at work, educational institutions and in public places.

\*\* If more than one perpetrator was mentioned, the frequency reported in this section of the table is based on the perpetrator with the highest frequency.

\*\*\* This includes separate acts by different perpetrators at different times, and/or one act by more than one perpetrator at the same time.

\*\*\*\* More than one answer could be given, therefore the total percentage may be greater than 100%.

# This category includes one response recorded as "female perpetrator" for both forced sex and for attempted intercourse.

Table 5.4b: Location of the most recent incident of non-partner sexual violence and sexual harassment, and the timing of the most recent incident, among women who experienced sexual non-partner violence and harassment since the age of 15 (unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| Location                           | Most recent incident of forced sex         |                                               |                                                |                                | Attempted intercourse or other unwanted sexual acts and sexual harassment* |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    | Less than 1 year ago (unweighted %) (N=26) | Between 1 - 5 years ago (unweighted %) (N=62) | Longer than 5 years ago (unweighted %) (N=290) | Total (unweighted %) (N=380)** | Total (unweighted %) (N=651 unweighted)                                    |
| Own home or yard                   | 46.2                                       | 17.7                                          | 16.6                                           | 18.8                           | 12.3                                                                       |
| His or someone else's home or yard | 11.5                                       | 17.7                                          | 13.1                                           | 13.8                           | 10.5                                                                       |
| Along a road, in a car             | 7.7                                        | 21.0                                          | 19.0                                           | 18.5                           | 23.4                                                                       |
| Public transport                   | 3.9                                        | 0.0                                           | 1.4                                            | 1.3                            | 0.9                                                                        |
| Gardens, bush, beach, river        | 19.2                                       | 29.0                                          | 38.3                                           | 35.5                           | 29.0                                                                       |
| School, college, campus            | 0.0                                        | 4.8                                           | 4.8                                            | 4.5                            | 12.6                                                                       |
| Hospital, clinic, aid post         | 0.0                                        | 0.0                                           | 0.0                                            | 0.0                            | 0.8                                                                        |
| Bar, kava bar, club, casino        | 7.7                                        | 1.6                                           | 2.4                                            | 2.7                            | 2.5                                                                        |
| Her workplace                      | 0.0                                        | 1.6                                           | 0.7                                            | 0.8                            | 2.5                                                                        |
| Police post/prison                 | 0.0                                        | 0.0                                           | 0.0                                            | 0.0                            | 0.0                                                                        |
| Church or prayer group             | 0.0                                        | 0.0                                           | 0.3                                            | 0.3                            | 0.2                                                                        |
| Other public place                 | 3.9                                        | 4.8                                           | 2.8                                            | 3.2                            | 4.5                                                                        |
| Overseas                           | 0.0                                        | 0.0                                           | 0.0                                            | 0.0                            | 0.2                                                                        |
| Other                              | 0.0                                        | 1.6                                           | 0.3                                            | 0.5                            | 0.8                                                                        |
| Don't know/no answer               | 0.0                                        | 0.0                                           | 0.3                                            | 0.3                            | 0.2                                                                        |
| Total                              | 100.0                                      | 100.0                                         | 100.0                                          | 100.0                          | 100.0                                                                      |

Note: Percentages regarding the location of acts of sexual violence presented in this table are unweighted, since they do not relate to the characteristics of the respondent.

\* Includes attempted intercourse, unwanted sexual acts such as touching her private parts, forcing her to touch their private parts, and sexual harassment at work, educational institutions and in public places.

\*\* Includes 2 "don't know" responses.

Table 5.4c1: Weighted prevalence of sexual harassment since the age of 15 in their lifetime, among all interviewed women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Lifetime (since age 15)                                                  |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                           | Asked to perform sexual acts to get a job, keep a job or be promoted (%) | Repeatedly asked for a date to get a job, keep a job or be promoted (%) | Intrusive comments, questions, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature at work (%) | Asked to perform sexual acts to pass an exam or get good grades at school or other educational institution (%) | Intrusive comments, questions, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature in other places, not related to work or school (%) | Any form of sexual harassment (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 0.7                                                                      | 1.6                                                                     | 4.2                                                                             | 0.9                                                                                                            | 9.9                                                                                                                    | 11.9                              | 2,762                                      |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| Urban                                     | 0.9                                                                      | 1.4                                                                     | 3.5                                                                             | 1.5                                                                                                            | 4.7                                                                                                                    | 6.2                               | 539                                        |
| Rural                                     | 0.7                                                                      | 1.6                                                                     | 4.4                                                                             | 0.7                                                                                                            | 11.3                                                                                                                   | 13.4                              | 2,223                                      |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| Torba                                     | 0.2                                                                      | 0.4                                                                     | 1.0                                                                             | 2.9                                                                                                            | 20.0                                                                                                                   | 20.4                              | 180                                        |
| Sanma                                     | 0.8                                                                      | 3.6                                                                     | 3.5                                                                             | 1.0                                                                                                            | 5.1                                                                                                                    | 9.3                               | 369                                        |
| Penama                                    | 0.5                                                                      | 0.8                                                                     | 1.0                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 6.8                                                                                                                    | 8.3                               | 424                                        |
| Malampa                                   | 1.7                                                                      | 2.3                                                                     | 17.1                                                                            | 0.8                                                                                                            | 34.5                                                                                                                   | 36.3                              | 368                                        |
| Shefa                                     | 0.1                                                                      | 0.6                                                                     | 1.6                                                                             | 0.5                                                                                                            | 4.3                                                                                                                    | 5.8                               | 393                                        |
| Tafea                                     | 1.0                                                                      | 1.9                                                                     | 1.5                                                                             | 0.5                                                                                                            | 10.2                                                                                                                   | 12.6                              | 489                                        |
| Port Vila                                 | 0.0                                                                      | 0.3                                                                     | 0.0                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 0.0                                                                                                                    | 0.3                               | 295                                        |
| Luganville                                | 2.9                                                                      | 3.8                                                                     | 10.5                                                                            | 4.7                                                                                                            | 14.3                                                                                                                   | 18.3                              | 244                                        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| Catholic                                  | 0.0                                                                      | 0.2                                                                     | 1.1                                                                             | 0.6                                                                                                            | 8.9                                                                                                                    | 9.4                               | 267                                        |
| Anglican                                  | 0.1                                                                      | 0.6                                                                     | 1.3                                                                             | 1.1                                                                                                            | 9.0                                                                                                                    | 10.3                              | 409                                        |
| Assemblies of God                         | 2.0                                                                      | 3.1                                                                     | 4.2                                                                             | 1.3                                                                                                            | 7.0                                                                                                                    | 11.4                              | 179                                        |
| Church of Christ                          | 1.2                                                                      | 1.4                                                                     | 2.9                                                                             | 1.9                                                                                                            | 4.9                                                                                                                    | 6.7                               | 186                                        |
| Presbyterian                              | 0.9                                                                      | 1.1                                                                     | 2.2                                                                             | 0.5                                                                                                            | 10.4                                                                                                                   | 11.3                              | 735                                        |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 0.5                                                                      | 1.4                                                                     | 13.1                                                                            | 0.7                                                                                                            | 18.6                                                                                                                   | 20.5                              | 379                                        |
| Apostolic                                 | 1.6                                                                      | 0.7                                                                     | 10.0                                                                            | 3.9                                                                                                            | 4.6                                                                                                                    | 15.5                              | 94                                         |
| Other Christian                           | 0.7                                                                      | 3.4                                                                     | 2.2                                                                             | 0.5                                                                                                            | 5.2                                                                                                                    | 7.6                               | 425                                        |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 0.6                                                                      | 0.6                                                                     | 0.6                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 22.7                                                                                                                   | 23.3                              | 32                                         |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 1.9                                                                      | 1.9                                                                     | 0.0                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 8.1                                                                                                                    | 10.0                              | 56                                         |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| No education                              | 0.3                                                                      | 3.8                                                                     | 0.3                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 10.3                                                                                                                   | 10.9                              | 210                                        |

|                                | Lifetime (since age 15)                                                  |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                | Asked to perform sexual acts to get a job, keep a job or be promoted (%) | Repeatedly asked for a date to get a job, keep a job or be promoted (%) | Intrusive comments, questions, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature at work (%) | Asked to perform sexual acts to pass an exam or get good grades at school or other educational institution (%) | Intrusive comments, questions, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature in other places, not related to work or school (%) | Any form of sexual harassment (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 0.7                                                                      | 1.6                                                                     | 4.2                                                                             | 0.9                                                                                                            | 9.9                                                                                                                    | 11.9                              | 2,762                                      |
| Primary                        | 0.6                                                                      | 1.4                                                                     | 1.5                                                                             | 0.6                                                                                                            | 7.9                                                                                                                    | 9.3                               | 1,118                                      |
| Secondary                      | 0.9                                                                      | 1.6                                                                     | 6.4                                                                             | 0.9                                                                                                            | 11.5                                                                                                                   | 13.8                              | 1,355                                      |
| Higher/Tertiary                | 0.0                                                                      | 0.0                                                                     | 1.8                                                                             | 3.4                                                                                                            | 4.9                                                                                                                    | 7.4                               | 79                                         |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| 15-19                          | 0.8                                                                      | 3.5                                                                     | 15.3                                                                            | 1.8                                                                                                            | 19.7                                                                                                                   | 22.3                              | 229                                        |
| 15-17                          | 0.7                                                                      | 6.2                                                                     | 5.8                                                                             | 1.9                                                                                                            | 10.4                                                                                                                   | 14.6                              | 121                                        |
| 18-19                          | 0.8                                                                      | 1.0                                                                     | 23.8                                                                            | 1.8                                                                                                            | 28.1                                                                                                                   | 29.2                              | 108                                        |
| 20-24                          | 0.6                                                                      | 1.3                                                                     | 2.3                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 6.4                                                                                                                    | 9.3                               | 321                                        |
| 25-29                          | 0.5                                                                      | 0.6                                                                     | 3.4                                                                             | 0.9                                                                                                            | 9.3                                                                                                                    | 11.5                              | 398                                        |
| 30-34                          | 0.5                                                                      | 1.5                                                                     | 2.1                                                                             | 0.6                                                                                                            | 11.0                                                                                                                   | 12.3                              | 426                                        |
| 35-39                          | 1.7                                                                      | 3.2                                                                     | 1.7                                                                             | 0.9                                                                                                            | 9.5                                                                                                                    | 11.6                              | 328                                        |
| 40-44                          | 1.6                                                                      | 0.8                                                                     | 3.8                                                                             | 1.4                                                                                                            | 8.9                                                                                                                    | 11.4                              | 312                                        |
| 45-49                          | 0.1                                                                      | 0.8                                                                     | 1.3                                                                             | 0.5                                                                                                            | 4.5                                                                                                                    | 5.8                               | 228                                        |
| 50-54                          | 0.3                                                                      | 0.9                                                                     | 0.5                                                                             | 0.2                                                                                                            | 6.7                                                                                                                    | 7.5                               | 210                                        |
| 55-64                          | 0.4                                                                      | 0.6                                                                     | 0.7                                                                             | 0.9                                                                                                            | 6.4                                                                                                                    | 7.3                               | 310                                        |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| Lower                          | 1.0                                                                      | 1.5                                                                     | 6.2                                                                             | 1.0                                                                                                            | 16.6                                                                                                                   | 18.4                              | 1,456                                      |
| Medium                         | 0.6                                                                      | 1.5                                                                     | 3.2                                                                             | 0.8                                                                                                            | 5.5                                                                                                                    | 7.9                               | 904                                        |
| Higher                         | 0.5                                                                      | 1.8                                                                     | 2.1                                                                             | 0.6                                                                                                            | 4.7                                                                                                                    | 6.0                               | 402                                        |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| No difficulty                  | 0.4                                                                      | 1.5                                                                     | 1.3                                                                             | 0.6                                                                                                            | 6.9                                                                                                                    | 8.4                               | 1,079                                      |
| Some difficulty                | 1.0                                                                      | 1.4                                                                     | 6.7                                                                             | 0.8                                                                                                            | 11.9                                                                                                                   | 14.0                              | 1,409                                      |
| A lot of difficulty            | 0.7                                                                      | 2.5                                                                     | 2.2                                                                             | 1.5                                                                                                            | 12.4                                                                                                                   | 14.0                              | 240                                        |
| Cannot do at all               | 0.0                                                                      | 2.6                                                                     | 3.7                                                                             | 7.5                                                                                                            | 3.3                                                                                                                    | 14.5                              | 34                                         |

Table 5.4c2: Weighted prevalence of sexual harassment since the age of 15 in the last 12 months, among all interviewed women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                | Current (last 12 months) since age 15                                    |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   | Unweighted number of women interviewed (N) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                | Asked to perform sexual acts to get a job, keep a job or be promoted (%) | Repeatedly asked for a date to get a job, keep a job or be promoted (%) | Intrusive comments, questions, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature at work (%) | Asked to perform sexual acts to pass an exam or get good grades at school or other educational institution (%) | Intrusive comments, questions, gestures or jokes of a sexual nature in other places, not related to work or school (%) | Any form of sexual harassment (%) |                                            |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 0.4                                                                      | 0.9                                                                     | 3.1                                                                             | 0.3                                                                                                            | 2.0                                                                                                                    | 4.9                               | 2,762                                      |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>            |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| Urban                          | 0.6                                                                      | 1.0                                                                     | 2.3                                                                             | 0.3                                                                                                            | 2.6                                                                                                                    | 3.3                               | 539                                        |
| Rural                          | 0.3                                                                      | 0.8                                                                     | 3.3                                                                             | 0.4                                                                                                            | 1.8                                                                                                                    | 5.3                               | 2,223                                      |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                                          |                                                                         |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                        |                                   |                                            |
| 15-17                          | 0.7                                                                      | 6.2                                                                     | 5.4                                                                             | 1.9                                                                                                            | 8.2                                                                                                                    | 12.4                              | 121                                        |
| 18-19                          | 0.8                                                                      | 0.8                                                                     | 23.3                                                                            | 1.8                                                                                                            | 5.6                                                                                                                    | 28.2                              | 108                                        |
| 20-24                          | 0.1                                                                      | 0.6                                                                     | 1.5                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 1.2                                                                                                                    | 3.1                               | 321                                        |
| 25-29                          | 0.3                                                                      | 0.0                                                                     | 2.3                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 2.1                                                                                                                    | 3.9                               | 398                                        |
| 30-34                          | 0.5                                                                      | 0.5                                                                     | 0.4                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 1.5                                                                                                                    | 1.5                               | 426                                        |
| 35-39                          | 1.3                                                                      | 1.7                                                                     | 0.6                                                                             | 0.6                                                                                                            | 1.0                                                                                                                    | 2.3                               | 328                                        |
| 40-44                          | 0.0                                                                      | 0.3                                                                     | 0.9                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 1.4                                                                                                                    | 1.8                               | 312                                        |
| 45-49                          | 0.0                                                                      | 0.0                                                                     | 0.0                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 0.2                                                                                                                    | 0.2                               | 228                                        |
| 50-54                          | 0.0                                                                      | 0.0                                                                     | 0.0                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 0.6                                                                                                                    | 0.6                               | 210                                        |
| 55-64                          | 0.0                                                                      | 0.0                                                                     | 0.3                                                                             | 0.0                                                                                                            | 0.0                                                                                                                    | 0.3                               | 310                                        |

Table 5.4d: Weighted percentage of women who told someone about forced sexual intercourse (N=380 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| People told                                              | N=380 (unweighted) | Weighted % * |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Told no one                                              | 119                | 30.2         |
| Told someone                                             | 261                | 69.8         |
| <b>Who they told about the forced sexual intercourse</b> |                    |              |
| Female member of family of birth                         | 200                | 51.2         |
| Male member of family of birth                           | 47                 | 14.9         |
| Female member of in-laws                                 | 24                 | 6.4          |
| Male member of family of in-laws                         | 11                 | 2.9          |
| Respondent's child/children                              | 2                  | 0.4          |
| Other                                                    | 15                 | 6.3          |

\*More than one answer could be given regarding who the respondent told, therefore the total percentage of people told is greater than 69.8%.

Table 5.4e: Weighted responses from the people who were told about forced sexual intercourse by respondents (N=261 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| Responses                                                 | Urban (N=32) (%) | Rural (N=229) (%) | Total Vanuatu (N=261) (%)* | Unweighted number |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Blamed her for it                                         | 10.7             | 19.9              | 19.0                       | 50                |
| Supported her                                             | 14.1             | 21.6              | 20.9                       | 55                |
| Were indifferent                                          | 0.0              | 2.0               | 1.8                        | 5                 |
| Told her to keep it quiet                                 | 18.3             | 22.8              | 22.4                       | 67                |
| Prevented him from contacting or seeing her again         | 32.1             | 24.4              | 25.1                       | 75                |
| Took her to the chief/reconciliation                      | 1.8              | 17.0              | 15.5                       | 47                |
| Asked for compensation                                    | 0.0              | 1.2               | 1.0                        | 2                 |
| Suggested marriage or forced her to marry the perpetrator | 0.0              | 3.2               | 2.8                        | 4                 |
| Swapped her for a girl in his family                      | 0.0              | 0.3               | 0.2                        | 1                 |
| Advised her to report it to the police                    | 9.9              | 7.9               | 8.1                        | 16                |
| Advised her to go to VWC Network                          | 3.6              | 1.7               | 1.9                        | 5                 |
| Other                                                     | 19.3             | 4.8               | 6.3                        | 13                |
| None                                                      | 0.0              | 2.3               | 2.1                        | 5                 |

\*More than one answer could be given regarding responses when they were told, therefore the total percentage adds to more than 100%.

Table 5.4f: Unweighted percentage of women who sought help from agencies or persons in authority, and satisfaction with the support received, among women who experienced non-partner forced intercourse (N=380), Vanuatu 2024

| Agencies or people she asked for help                   | Who she went to for support* |              | Satisfied with the support received |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                                         | N=380<br>(unweighted)        | Unweighted % | N=102<br>(unweighted)               | Unweighted % |
| Never gone anywhere for help                            | 278                          | 73.2         |                                     |              |
| Went somewhere for help                                 | 102                          | 26.8         |                                     |              |
| <b>Who she asked for support (N=102 unweighted)*</b>    |                              |              |                                     |              |
| Police                                                  | 19                           | 18.6         | 15                                  | 78.9         |
| Hospital, health centre, Aid Post                       | 4                            | 3.9          | 4                                   | 100          |
| Public solicitor, lawyers                               | 0                            | 0            | 0                                   | 0            |
| Court                                                   | 0                            | 0            | 0                                   | 0            |
| Authorised person under the Family Protection Act (FPA) | 0                            | 0            | 0                                   | 0            |
| Chief/custom court                                      | 65                           | 63.7         | 60                                  | 92.3         |
| Church leader                                           | 23                           | 22.5         | 21                                  | 91.3         |
| Other community leader                                  | 3                            | 2.9          | 3                                   | 100          |
| VWC Network                                             | 5                            | 4.9          | 4                                   | 80           |
| Other counselling service                               | 0                            | 0            | 0                                   | 0            |
| Anywhere else                                           | 2                            | 2.0          | 2                                   | 100          |

\* Multiple responses could be given for who she asked for help, so percentages total more than 100%.

Table 5.4g: Weighted prevalence of 4 specific acts of non-partner technology-facilitated sexual abuse\* since the age of 15, among women who have ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media, compared with all women interviewed\*\*, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Lifetime prevalence (%)*** | 12 months prevalence (%) | Number of women who ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media (unweighted N) | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 months prevalence (%) | Number of women interviewed (unweighted N) |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>7.7</b>                 | <b>2.3</b>               | <b>2,214</b>                                                                                | <b>6.5</b>              | <b>2.3</b>               | <b>2,762</b>                               |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                            |                          |                                                                                             |                         |                          |                                            |
| Urban                                     | 5.7                        | 1.3                      | 498                                                                                         | 5.3                     | 1.2                      | 539                                        |
| Rural                                     | 8.4                        | 2.6                      | 1,716                                                                                       | 6.9                     | 2.2                      | 2,223                                      |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                            |                          |                                                                                             |                         |                          |                                            |
| Torba                                     | 4.1                        | 1.2                      | 93                                                                                          | 2.2                     | 0.6                      | 180                                        |
| Sanma                                     | 9.0                        | 4.1                      | 303                                                                                         | 7.4                     | 3.4                      | 369                                        |
| Penama                                    | 4.5                        | 1.6                      | 343                                                                                         | 3.5                     | 1.2                      | 424                                        |
| Malampa                                   | 10.4                       | 2.1                      | 299                                                                                         | 8.8                     | 1.8                      | 368                                        |
| Shefa                                     | 10.0                       | 3.3                      | 341                                                                                         | 9.1                     | 3.0                      | 393                                        |
| Tafea                                     | 3.9                        | 0.7                      | 337                                                                                         | 2.7                     | 0.5                      | 489                                        |
| Port Vila                                 | 1.5                        | 0.3                      | 275                                                                                         | 1.5                     | 0.3                      | 295                                        |
| Luganville                                | 14.5                       | 3.4                      | 223                                                                                         | 13.2                    | 3.1                      | 244                                        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                            |                          |                                                                                             |                         |                          |                                            |
| Catholic                                  | 4.3                        | 1.9                      | 225                                                                                         | 3.7                     | 1.6                      | 267                                        |
| Anglican                                  | 6.5                        | 2.1                      | 290                                                                                         | 5.0                     | 1.6                      | 409                                        |
| AoG                                       | 8.1                        | 0.8                      | 145                                                                                         | 7.0                     | 0.7                      | 179                                        |
| Church of Christ                          | 6.1                        | 2.6                      | 163                                                                                         | 5.3                     | 2.3                      | 186                                        |
| Presbyterian                              | 6.9                        | 1.8                      | 587                                                                                         | 5.8                     | 1.5                      | 735                                        |



|                                | Lifetime prevalence (%)*** | 12 months prevalence (%) | Number of women <u>who ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media</u> (unweighted N) | Lifetime prevalence (%) | 12 months prevalence (%) | Number of women interviewed (unweighted N) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | <b>7.7</b>                 | <b>2.3</b>               | <b>2,214</b>                                                                                       | <b>6.5</b>              | <b>2.3</b>               | <b>2,762</b>                               |
| SDA                            | 11.8                       | 3.0                      | 323                                                                                                | 10.4                    | 2.7                      | 379                                        |
| Apostolic                      | 15.1                       | 7.0                      | 84                                                                                                 | 13.9                    | 6.5                      | 94                                         |
| Other Christian                | 7.3                        | 2.5                      | 340                                                                                                | 6.1                     | 2.0                      | 425                                        |
| Other Non-Chris                | 0.0                        | 0.0                      | 23                                                                                                 | 0.0                     | 0.0                      | 32                                         |
| No Relig/No Ans                | 1.1                        | 0.0                      | 34                                                                                                 | 0.7                     | 0.0                      | 56                                         |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                            |                          |                                                                                                    |                         |                          |                                            |
| No education                   | 1.5                        | 0.0                      | 99                                                                                                 | 0.8                     | 0.0                      | 210                                        |
| Primary                        | 6.4                        | 1.4                      | 821                                                                                                | 4.9                     | 1.0                      | 1,118                                      |
| Secondary                      | 8.7                        | 2.8                      | 1,217                                                                                              | 7.9                     | 2.6                      | 1,355                                      |
| Higher/Tertiary                | 8.8                        | 3.9                      | 77                                                                                                 | 8.6                     | 3.8                      | 79                                         |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                            |                          |                                                                                                    |                         |                          |                                            |
| 15-19                          | 14.1                       | 5.0                      | 178                                                                                                | 11.9                    | 4.2                      | 229                                        |
| 15-17                          | 14.2                       | 9.5                      | 83                                                                                                 | 10.3                    | 6.9                      | 121                                        |
| 18-19                          | 14.0                       | 1.9                      | 95                                                                                                 | 13.5                    | 1.9                      | 108                                        |
| 20-24                          | 11.2                       | 2.8                      | 284                                                                                                | 10.2                    | 2.5                      | 321                                        |
| 25-29                          | 9.8                        | 4.4                      | 354                                                                                                | 9.2                     | 4.1                      | 398                                        |
| 30-34                          | 5.8                        | 0.5                      | 369                                                                                                | 5.3                     | 0.4                      | 426                                        |
| 35-39                          | 7.0                        | 1.4                      | 274                                                                                                | 6.1                     | 1.2                      | 328                                        |
| 40-44                          | 2.8                        | 0.7                      | 257                                                                                                | 2.3                     | 0.6                      | 312                                        |
| 45-49                          | 4.4                        | 2.7                      | 165                                                                                                | 3.5                     | 2.1                      | 228                                        |
| 50-54                          | 1.0                        | 0.0                      | 142                                                                                                | 0.8                     | 0.0                      | 210                                        |
| 55-64                          | 3.3                        | 0.5                      | 191                                                                                                | 2.2                     | 0.3                      | 310                                        |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                            |                          |                                                                                                    |                         |                          |                                            |
| Lower                          | 8.2                        | 1.7                      | 1,047                                                                                              | 6.3                     | 1.3                      | 1,456                                      |
| Medium                         | 8.7                        | 3.9                      | 784                                                                                                | 7.6                     | 3.4                      | 904                                        |
| Higher                         | 5.4                        | 1.0                      | 383                                                                                                | 5.2                     | 1.0                      | 402                                        |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                            |                          |                                                                                                    |                         |                          |                                            |
| No difficulty                  | 5.6                        | 1.4                      | 885                                                                                                | 4.7                     | 1.2                      | 1,079                                      |
| Some difficulty                | 9.5                        | 3.2                      | 1,111                                                                                              | 8.0                     | 2.7                      | 1,409                                      |
| A lot of difficulty            | 6.9                        | 1.1                      | 186                                                                                                | 5.7                     | 0.9                      | 240                                        |
| Cannot do at all               | 8.6                        | 3.9                      | 32                                                                                                 | 8.2                     | 3.7                      | 34                                         |

\* Defined as any one act of technology-facilitated sexual abuse including the following unwanted actions: asked her to perform a sexual act including recording the act; sent her or made her watch messages or images of a sexual nature; asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature; threatened to share private or sexual images of her without permission.

\*\* All women includes both those who have accessed or used electronic devices and social media, and those women who have not accessed or used devices or social media.

\*\*\* N=15 unweighted women who responded "don't know" to at least one of the 4 acts mentioned.

Table 5.4h: Weighed lifetime prevalence of unwanted acts of non-partner technology-facilitated sexual abuse\* since the age of 15, and the frequency of these acts, among women who have ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media, compared with all women interviewed\*\*, Vanuatu 2024

| Type of unwanted acts                                                                                                     | Among women <u>who ever used or accessed electronic devices or social media</u> (N=2214) | Among all women interviewed (N=2762) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                           | Ever happened (%)                                                                        | Ever happened (%)                    |
| Asked to perform sexual acts over the phone or any other device that made her feel uncomfortable                          | 2.7                                                                                      | 2.3                                  |
| Sent her messages or images or made her watch something of a sexual nature that made her feel uncomfortable               | 5.2                                                                                      | 4.4                                  |
| Asked her to send messages or images of a sexual nature that made her feel uncomfortable                                  | 4.5                                                                                      | 3.8                                  |
| Threatened to share private or sexual images on any social media site, or actually did share them, without her permission | 1.2                                                                                      | 1.0                                  |
| <b>At least one type of sexual TFA above</b>                                                                              | <b>7.7</b>                                                                               | <b>6.5</b>                           |
| <b>Frequency of acts of sexual TFA (n=143 unweighted)</b>                                                                 |                                                                                          |                                      |
| One time (N=78)                                                                                                           | 54.8                                                                                     |                                      |
| Few times (N=53)                                                                                                          | 38.5                                                                                     |                                      |
| Many times (N=12)                                                                                                         | 6.7                                                                                      |                                      |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                              | <b>100.0</b>                                                                             |                                      |

\* This refers to specific acts of sexual technology-facilitated (TFA) abuse measured in the Vanuatu 2024 survey, including each of the acts summarised in this table.

\*\* All women includes both those who have accessed or used electronic devices and social media and those women who have not accessed or used devices or social media.

Table 5.5: Weighted prevalence of child sexual abuse by non-partners, before the age of 15 years, as reported by all interviewed women (N=2762 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

|                                    | Sexual abuse before age 15 |              |                     |              |                         |              | Number of women interviewed (unweighted N) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                    | Face to face interview     |              | Card (sad face)     |              | Both interview and card |              |                                            |
|                                    | Number (unweighted)        | % (weighted) | Number (unweighted) | % (weighted) | Number (unweighted)     | % (weighted) |                                            |
| Total Vanuatu                      | 185                        | 6.4          | 781                 | 27.1         | 857                     | 29.6         | 2,762                                      |
| Urban- Rural                       |                            |              |                     |              |                         |              |                                            |
| Urban                              | 37                         | 5.8          | 109                 | 19.0         | 125                     | 21.6         | 539                                        |
| Rural                              | 148                        | 6.5          | 672                 | 29.3         | 732                     | 31.7         | 2,223                                      |
| Location (province and urban area) |                            |              |                     |              |                         |              |                                            |
| Torba                              | 28                         | 13.4         | 64                  | 36.1         | 81                      | 44.1         | 180                                        |
| Sanma                              | 18                         | 5.2          | 94                  | 28.1         | 101                     | 29.1         | 369                                        |
| Penama                             | 7                          | 1.8          | 100                 | 23.4         | 106                     | 25.0         | 424                                        |
| Malampa                            | 23                         | 6.0          | 153                 | 47.3         | 156                     | 48.0         | 368                                        |
| Shefa                              | 21                         | 7.2          | 73                  | 18.4         | 87                      | 22.3         | 393                                        |
| Tafea                              | 51                         | 9.6          | 188                 | 39.6         | 201                     | 41.5         | 489                                        |
| Port Vila                          | 6                          | 2.0          | 44                  | 15.1         | 48                      | 16.5         | 295                                        |
| Luganville                         | 31                         | 13.6         | 65                  | 27.0         | 77                      | 32.0         | 244                                        |
| Religion                           |                            |              |                     |              |                         |              |                                            |
| Catholic                           | 7                          | 3.4          | 73                  | 23.7         | 75                      | 25.3         | 267                                        |
| Anglican                           | 32                         | 4.9          | 117                 | 27.0         | 138                     | 30.3         | 409                                        |
| Assemblies of God                  | 22                         | 8.6          | 58                  | 30.5         | 68                      | 33.1         | 179                                        |
| Church of Christ                   | 4                          | 1.4          | 41                  | 19.4         | 43                      | 20.0         | 186                                        |
| Presbyterian                       | 61                         | 8.3          | 213                 | 25.5         | 232                     | 28.6         | 735                                        |
| Seventh Day Adventist              | 29                         | 7.8          | 109                 | 33.5         | 120                     | 36.3         | 379                                        |
| Apostolic                          | 5                          | 11.0         | 19                  | 21.2         | 21                      | 24.2         | 94                                         |
| Other Christian                    | 19                         | 5.0          | 124                 | 27.5         | 133                     | 29.5         | 425                                        |
| Other Non-Christian                | 4                          | 8.7          | 10                  | 31.3         | 10                      | 31.3         | 32                                         |
| No Religion/No Answer              | 2                          | 2.0          | 17                  | 34.2         | 17                      | 34.2         | 56                                         |
| Education of respondent            |                            |              |                     |              |                         |              |                                            |
| No education                       | 16                         | 5.5          | 60                  | 27.8         | 66                      | 29.7         | 210                                        |
| Primary                            | 84                         | 6.9          | 360                 | 29.8         | 390                     | 31.8         | 1,118                                      |
| Secondary                          | 81                         | 6.3          | 347                 | 26.6         | 384                     | 29.4         | 1,355                                      |
| Higher/Tertiary                    | 4                          | 3.2          | 14                  | 10.2         | 17                      | 13.1         | 79                                         |

|                         | Sexual abuse before age 15 |              |                     |              |                         |              | Number of women interviewed (unweighted N) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                         | Face to face interview     |              | Card (sad face)     |              | Both interview and card |              |                                            |
|                         | Number (unweighted)        | % (weighted) | Number (unweighted) | % (weighted) | Number (unweighted)     | % (weighted) |                                            |
| Total Vanuatu           | 185                        | 6.4          | 781                 | 27.1         | 857                     | 29.6         | 2,762                                      |
| Age group of respondent |                            |              |                     |              |                         |              |                                            |
| 15-19                   | 9                          | 3.9          | 50                  | 26.6         | 53                      | 27.3         | 229                                        |
| 15-17                   | 7                          | 6.8          | 25                  | 19.8         | 27                      | 20.9         | 121                                        |
| 18-19                   | 2                          | 1.3          | 25                  | 32.8         | 26                      | 32.9         | 108                                        |
| 20-24                   | 14                         | 2.6          | 98                  | 27.2         | 102                     | 28.1         | 321                                        |
| 25-29                   | 33                         | 11.6         | 108                 | 24.6         | 123                     | 30.6         | 398                                        |
| 30-34                   | 28                         | 6.8          | 133                 | 30.5         | 146                     | 32.7         | 426                                        |
| 35-39                   | 25                         | 7.3          | 110                 | 30.5         | 122                     | 33.8         | 328                                        |
| 40-44                   | 24                         | 6.1          | 96                  | 30.6         | 101                     | 31.5         | 312                                        |
| 45-49                   | 21                         | 8.8          | 53                  | 22.0         | 62                      | 26.5         | 228                                        |
| 50-54                   | 11                         | 4.3          | 62                  | 27.4         | 66                      | 29.1         | 210                                        |
| 55-64                   | 20                         | 7.4          | 71                  | 23.7         | 82                      | 27.1         | 310                                        |
| Socio-economic status   |                            |              |                     |              |                         |              |                                            |
| Lower                   | 101                        | 5.9          | 476                 | 33.8         | 514                     | 35.5         | 1,456                                      |
| Medium                  | 59                         | 6.6          | 239                 | 26.3         | 263                     | 28.7         | 904                                        |
| Higher                  | 25                         | 6.8          | 66                  | 15.7         | 80                      | 19.7         | 402                                        |
| Disability status       |                            |              |                     |              |                         |              |                                            |
| No difficulty           | 56                         | 4.8          | 227                 | 19.8         | 260                     | 22.6         | 1,079                                      |
| Some difficulty         | 117                        | 8.2          | 447                 | 31.1         | 487                     | 33.8         | 1,409                                      |
| A lot of difficulty     | 12                         | 3.4          | 94                  | 34.5         | 97                      | 35.1         | 240                                        |
| Cannot do at all        | 0                          | 0.0          | 13                  | 30.1         | 13                      | 30.1         | 34                                         |

\* Includes unwanted touching, showing of private parts, making sexual remarks or showing sexual explicit pictures against her will, trying to have sex with her or actually having sex with her under age 15.

\*\* Two methods were used to gather this data: face-to-face interview; & marking of a sad face (if abused) or happy face (if not abused) which could not be seen by the interviewer.

Table 5.6: Weighted percentage of women who experienced childhood sexual abuse, by frequency, age that it occurred, number and type of perpetrator (N=185 unweighted#), Vanuatu 2024

| Sexual abuse before the age of 15 years                          |     |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------|
|                                                                  | N   | % Weighted |
| <b>Total</b>                                                     | 185 | 6.4        |
| <b>Age of respondent experiencing sexual abuse before age 15</b> |     |            |
| 0-4                                                              | 2   | 1.1        |
| 5-9                                                              | 9   | 8.4        |
| 10-14                                                            | 172 | 89.4       |
| No answer                                                        | 2   | 1.2        |
| <b>Corresponding age of perpetrator of sexual abuse</b>          |     |            |
| <10                                                              | 0   | 0.0        |
| 10-14                                                            | 7   | 4.3        |
| 15-19                                                            | 35  | 20.8       |
| 20-29                                                            | 54  | 26.0       |
| 30-39                                                            | 35  | 18.7       |
| 40-49                                                            | 15  | 6.3        |
| 50-59                                                            | 5   | 1.6        |
| 60+                                                              | 5   | 3.8        |
| Don't know / no answer                                           | 29  | 18.5       |
| <b>Sexual abuse included penetration*</b>                        | 36  | 20.5       |
| <b>Frequency of sexual abuse**</b>                               |     |            |
| once, twice                                                      | 126 | 66.5       |
| few times                                                        | 42  | 23.9       |
| many times                                                       | 15  | 8.3        |
| Don't know / no answer                                           | 2   | 1.2        |
| <b>Number of perpetrators</b>                                    |     |            |
| One perpetrator                                                  | 166 | 92.3       |
| More than one perpetrator                                        | 17  | 6.6        |
| Don't know / no answer                                           | 2   | 1.2        |
| <b>Type of perpetrator (grouped) ***</b>                         |     |            |
| Male family member(s)                                            | 95  | 43.8       |
| Female family member(s)                                          | 3   | 0.9        |
| Male other(s)                                                    | 94  | 57.2       |
| Female others(s)                                                 | 2   | 0.7        |
| <b>Type of perpetrator (detail)***</b>                           |     |            |
| Father/stepfather                                                | 13  | 5.0        |
| Mother/stepmother                                                | 1   | 0.3        |
| Male adoptive parent/family member                               | 2   | 3.8        |
| Female adoptive parent/family member                             | 0   | 0.0        |
| Brother                                                          | 11  | 4.6        |
| Sister                                                           | 1   | 0.2        |
| Other male family member                                         | 71  | 30.8       |
| Other female family member                                       | 1   | 0.4        |
| Teacher - male                                                   | 3   | 1.6        |
| Teacher - female                                                 | 1   | 0.3        |
| Police/Soldier - male                                            | 0   | 0.0        |
| Police/Soldier - female                                          | 0   | 0.0        |

| Sexual abuse before the age of 15 years |    |            |
|-----------------------------------------|----|------------|
|                                         | N  | % Weighted |
| Doctor/Health staff - male              | 0  | 0.0        |
| Doctor/Health staff - female            | 0  | 0.0        |
| Church leader - male                    | 0  | 0.0        |
| Church leader - female                  | 0  | 0.0        |
| Chief                                   | 0  | 0.0        |
| Someone at work - male                  | 0  | 0.0        |
| Someone at work - female                | 0  | 0.0        |
| Friend - male                           | 30 | 18.5       |
| Friend - female                         | 1  | 0.4        |
| Boyfriend-male                          | 18 | 8.6        |
| Friend of family - male                 | 18 | 15.9       |
| Friend of family - female               | 0  | 0.0        |
| Neighbour - male                        | 8  | 3.3        |
| Neighbour- female                       | 0  | 0.0        |
| Stranger - male                         | 14 | 6.9        |
| Stranger - female                       | 0  | 0.0        |
| Other - male                            | 12 | 7.2        |
| Other - female                          | 0  | 0.0        |

# This table is based on answers to the questionnaire only, and does not include respondents who disclosed child sexual abuse using the anonymous face/image.

\* Refers to penetration of vagina, anus or mouth by the penis or something else.

\*\* If more than one perpetrator was mentioned, the frequency reported in this table is based on the perpetrator with the highest frequency.

\*\*\* More than one answer could be given, therefore the total percentage may be greater than 100%. Note that 2 respondents identified 2 different male family members as perpetrators.

Table 5.7: Weighted overlap of lifetime experience non-partner and partner violence among all interviewed women (N=2765 unweighted\*), Vanuatu 2024

|                                                | Non-partner violence (%) <sup>*</sup> | Partner violence <sup>**</sup> (%) | Partner or non-partner violence (%) |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Physical violence                              | 34.7                                  | 39.4                               | 57.7                                |
| Sexual violence <sup>***</sup>                 | 21.2                                  | 22.1                               | 33.5                                |
| Physical and/or sexual violence <sup>***</sup> | 43.2                                  | 44.0                               | 63.9                                |

\* There are 3 ever-partnered women who answered questions on intimate partner violence, but did not answer questions on non-partner violence. Therefore, the unweighted N for “partner violence” and for “partner or non-partner violence” is 2765; the unweighted N for non-partner violence is 2762.

\*\* The prevalence rates for partner violence are slightly lower here compared to the tables in chapter 4 because all interviewed women and not ever-partnered women are taken as the denominator.

\*\*\* The prevalence rate for non-partner sexual violence includes those women who experienced forced and attempted sexual intercourse, and sexual touching, but not other acts of sexual harassment that occur at work, in educational institutions or in other places.

Table 5.8a: Weighted age of first sexual intercourse, as reported by all women, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Not had sex (%) | <15 (%)    | 15-17 (%)   | 18-21 (%)   | 22+ (%)     | Refused/ No answer (%) | Number of women interviewed (unweighted N) |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>12.9</b>     | <b>4.7</b> | <b>28.9</b> | <b>42.3</b> | <b>10.1</b> | <b>1.2</b>             | <b>2,762</b>                               |
| <b>Urban-Rural</b>                        |                 |            |             |             |             |                        |                                            |
| Urban                                     | 14.2            | 2.5        | 23.5        | 41.5        | 16.2        | 2.2                    | 539                                        |
| Rural                                     | 12.5            | 5.2        | 30.4        | 42.5        | 8.4         | 0.9                    | 2,223                                      |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                 |            |             |             |             |                        |                                            |
| Torba                                     | 10.5            | 5.0        | 37.1        | 42.4        | 5.0         | 0.0                    | 180                                        |
| Sanma                                     | 14.1            | 6.4        | 32.7        | 36.4        | 8.0         | 2.4                    | 369                                        |
| Penama                                    | 4.9             | 11.7       | 27.5        | 45.7        | 9.9         | 0.3                    | 424                                        |
| Malampa                                   | 18.4            | 4.0        | 29.6        | 38.7        | 8.9         | 0.2                    | 368                                        |
| Shefa                                     | 15.0            | 3.3        | 22.6        | 47.7        | 10.2        | 1.2                    | 393                                        |
| Tafea                                     | 4.7             | 4.2        | 48.7        | 38.9        | 3.5         | 0.0                    | 489                                        |
| Port Vila                                 | 13.4            | 2.5        | 20.9        | 42.5        | 19.5        | 1.2                    | 295                                        |
| Luganville                                | 16.0            | 2.4        | 28.6        | 39.5        | 9.5         | 4.1                    | 244                                        |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                 |            |             |             |             |                        |                                            |
| Catholic                                  | 10.7            | 4.3        | 28.8        | 41.8        | 13.8        | 0.7                    | 267                                        |
| Anglican                                  | 14.5            | 7.1        | 25.6        | 43.3        | 9.5         | 0.0                    | 409                                        |
| Assemblies of God                         | 10.9            | 4.5        | 32.9        | 39.1        | 12.4        | 0.2                    | 179                                        |
| Church of Christ                          | 8.0             | 2.3        | 23.9        | 45.2        | 15.2        | 5.3                    | 186                                        |
| Presbyterian                              | 11.5            | 4.3        | 28.6        | 45.7        | 9.3         | 0.6                    | 735                                        |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 21.4            | 4.8        | 27.3        | 37.5        | 8.1         | 0.9                    | 379                                        |
| Apostolic                                 | 10.7            | 2.9        | 26.2        | 46.0        | 11.7        | 2.4                    | 94                                         |
| Other Christian                           | 10.9            | 4.7        | 32.7        | 40.6        | 9.0         | 2.0                    | 425                                        |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 7.5             | 1.0        | 49.0        | 31.8        | 10.8        | 0.0                    | 32                                         |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 3.9             | 11.9       | 32.4        | 50.2        | 1.5         | 0.0                    | 56                                         |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                 |            |             |             |             |                        |                                            |
| No education                              | 3.2             | 10.7       | 35.5        | 45.7        | 4.8         | 0.0                    | 210                                        |
| Primary                                   | 2.5             | 7.6        | 36.6        | 43.2        | 8.9         | 1.2                    | 1,118                                      |
| Secondary                                 | 20.1            | 2.5        | 25.0        | 40.5        | 10.7        | 1.2                    | 1,355                                      |
| Higher/Tertiary                           | 12.8            | 2.1        | 10.3        | 55.2        | 17.0        | 2.6                    | 79                                         |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                 |            |             |             |             |                        |                                            |
| 15-19                                     | 61.7            | 7.4        | 22.5        | 7.7         | 0.0         | 0.6                    | 229                                        |
| 15-17                                     | 74.7            | 11.5       | 12.8        | 0.0         | 0.0         | 1.0                    | 121                                        |
| 18-19                                     | 50.0            | 3.7        | 31.3        | 14.7        | 0.0         | 0.2                    | 108                                        |
| 20-24                                     | 18.2            | 2.9        | 30.9        | 42.7        | 4.3         | 1.0                    | 321                                        |
| 25-29                                     | 2.1             | 2.8        | 32.6        | 51.1        | 9.4         | 2.0                    | 398                                        |
| 30-34                                     | 0.3             | 4.8        | 34.1        | 50.0        | 10.1        | 0.7                    | 426                                        |
| 35-39                                     | 0.3             | 5.3        | 26.4        | 50.0        | 17.6        | 0.3                    | 328                                        |
| 40-44                                     | 0.4             | 5.8        | 36.4        | 46.7        | 10.7        | 0.0                    | 312                                        |
| 45-49                                     | 0.2             | 4.4        | 27.5        | 48.2        | 19.6        | 0.1                    | 228                                        |
| 50-54                                     | 0.0             | 2.9        | 23.1        | 61.0        | 12.2        | 0.8                    | 210                                        |
| 55-64                                     | 0.3             | 4.4        | 25.5        | 46.9        | 18.3        | 4.6                    | 310                                        |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |                 |            |             |             |             |                        |                                            |
| Lower                                     | 12.7            | 6.6        | 36.5        | 37.5        | 6.4         | 0.4                    | 1,456                                      |
| Medium                                    | 11.4            | 4.2        | 26.1        | 45.8        | 11.5        | 1.0                    | 904                                        |
| Higher                                    | 15.5            | 1.7        | 19.3        | 45.7        | 14.6        | 3.1                    | 402                                        |
| <b>Disability status</b>                  |                 |            |             |             |             |                        |                                            |
| No difficulty                             | 17.1            | 4.2        | 27.2        | 41.7        | 8.5         | 1.2                    | 1,079                                      |
| Some difficulty                           | 10.5            | 5.5        | 29.7        | 42.7        | 10.7        | 1.0                    | 1,409                                      |
| A lot of difficulty                       | 6.1             | 2.5        | 32.1        | 43.2        | 13.8        | 2.4                    | 240                                        |
| Cannot do at all                          | 36.2            | 0.0        | 25.6        | 33.7        | 4.4         | 0.0                    | 34                                         |



Table 5.8b: Weighted age of first sexual intercourse, as reported by women who said that they had ever had sex, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | <15 (%)    | 15-17 (%)   | 18-21 (%)   | 22+ (%)     | Refused/<br>No answer (%) | Number of women interviewed who ever had sex (unweighted N) |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>5.3</b> | <b>33.2</b> | <b>48.6</b> | <b>11.5</b> | <b>1.4</b>                | <b>2,588</b>                                                |
| <b>Urban-Rural</b>                        |            |             |             |             |                           |                                                             |
| Urban                                     | 2.9        | 27.3        | 48.4        | 18.9        | 2.5                       | 488                                                         |
| Rural                                     | 6.0        | 34.7        | 48.6        | 9.6         | 1.1                       | 2,100                                                       |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |            |             |             |             |                           |                                                             |
| Torba                                     | 5.6        | 41.5        | 47.3        | 5.6         | 0.0                       | 171                                                         |
| Sanma                                     | 7.5        | 38.1        | 42.4        | 9.3         | 2.8                       | 342                                                         |
| Penama                                    | 12.3       | 29.0        | 48.0        | 10.4        | 0.3                       | 407                                                         |
| Malampa                                   | 5.0        | 36.3        | 47.5        | 11.0        | 0.3                       | 353                                                         |
| Shefa                                     | 3.9        | 26.6        | 56.1        | 12.0        | 1.4                       | 352                                                         |
| Tafea                                     | 4.4        | 51.1        | 40.8        | 3.7         | 0.0                       | 475                                                         |
| Port Vila                                 | 2.9        | 24.2        | 49.0        | 22.5        | 1.4                       | 269                                                         |
| Luganville                                | 2.9        | 34.0        | 47.0        | 11.3        | 4.8                       | 219                                                         |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |            |             |             |             |                           |                                                             |
| Catholic                                  | 4.8        | 32.2        | 46.8        | 15.5        | 0.8                       | 250                                                         |
| Anglican                                  | 8.3        | 29.9        | 50.7        | 11.1        | 0.0                       | 383                                                         |
| Assemblies of God                         | 5.1        | 36.9        | 43.9        | 13.9        | 0.3                       | 168                                                         |
| Church of Christ                          | 2.5        | 26.0        | 49.2        | 16.6        | 5.7                       | 175                                                         |
| Presbyterian                              | 4.9        | 32.3        | 51.7        | 10.5        | 0.7                       | 689                                                         |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 6.1        | 34.7        | 47.8        | 10.3        | 1.2                       | 351                                                         |
| Apostolic                                 | 3.3        | 29.4        | 51.5        | 13.1        | 2.7                       | 88                                                          |
| Other Christian                           | 5.3        | 36.8        | 45.6        | 10.1        | 2.3                       | 400                                                         |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 1.1        | 52.9        | 34.3        | 11.7        | 0.0                       | 30                                                          |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 12.4       | 33.8        | 52.3        | 1.6         | 0.0                       | 54                                                          |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |            |             |             |             |                           |                                                             |
| No education                              | 11.1       | 36.7        | 47.3        | 4.9         | 0.0                       | 206                                                         |
| Primary                                   | 7.8        | 37.6        | 44.3        | 9.1         | 1.2                       | 1,099                                                       |
| Secondary                                 | 3.1        | 31.2        | 50.7        | 13.5        | 1.5                       | 1,212                                                       |
| Higher/Tertiary                           | 2.4        | 11.8        | 63.4        | 19.5        | 3.0                       | 71                                                          |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |            |             |             |             |                           |                                                             |
| 15-19                                     | 19.4       | 58.8        | 20.2        | 0.0         | 1.6                       | 102                                                         |
| 15-17                                     | 45.6       | 50.4        | 0.0         | 0.0         | 4.0                       | 29                                                          |
| 18-19                                     | 7.5        | 62.6        | 29.5        | 0.0         | 0.4                       | 73                                                          |
| 20-24                                     | 3.6        | 37.8        | 52.2        | 5.3         | 1.2                       | 286                                                         |
| 25-29                                     | 2.9        | 33.3        | 52.2        | 9.6         | 2.1                       | 393                                                         |
| 30-34                                     | 4.8        | 34.2        | 50.1        | 10.2        | 0.7                       | 425                                                         |
| 35-39                                     | 5.4        | 26.5        | 50.2        | 17.7        | 0.3                       | 327                                                         |
| 40-44                                     | 5.9        | 36.5        | 46.9        | 10.8        | 0.0                       | 310                                                         |
| 45-49                                     | 4.4        | 27.6        | 48.3        | 19.6        | 0.1                       | 227                                                         |
| 50-54                                     | 2.9        | 23.1        | 61.0        | 12.2        | 0.8                       | 210                                                         |
| 55-64                                     | 4.4        | 25.6        | 47.1        | 18.4        | 4.6                       | 308                                                         |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |            |             |             |             |                           |                                                             |
| Lower                                     | 7.5        | 41.8        | 42.9        | 7.3         | 0.4                       | 1,384                                                       |
| Medium                                    | 4.7        | 29.4        | 51.7        | 13.0        | 1.1                       | 848                                                         |
| Higher                                    | 2.1        | 22.8        | 54.1        | 17.3        | 3.7                       | 356                                                         |
| <b>Disability status</b>                  |            |             |             |             |                           |                                                             |
| No difficulty                             | 5.0        | 32.9        | 50.3        | 10.3        | 1.5                       | 986                                                         |
| Some difficulty                           | 6.1        | 33.2        | 47.7        | 11.9        | 1.1                       | 1,347                                                       |
| A lot of difficulty                       | 2.6        | 34.2        | 46.0        | 14.7        | 2.6                       | 227                                                         |
| Cannot do at all                          | 0.0        | 40.2        | 52.9        | 6.9         | 0.0                       | 28                                                          |

Table 5.9a: Nature of first sexual experience (weighted), among women who ever had sex, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Wanted to have sex (%) | Did not want, but had sex (%) | Forced to have sex (%) | Don't know/ don't remember (%) | Refused to answer (%) | Number of women interviewed who ever had sex (unweighted N) |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>66.3</b>            | <b>11.6</b>                   | <b>20.2</b>            | <b>0.8</b>                     | <b>1.2</b>            | <b>2,588</b>                                                |
| <b>Urban-Rural</b>                        |                        |                               |                        |                                |                       |                                                             |
| Urban                                     | 77.4                   | 8.8                           | 9.6                    | 0.3                            | 3.8                   | 488                                                         |
| Rural                                     | 63.4                   | 12.3                          | 22.9                   | 0.9                            | 0.5                   | 2,100                                                       |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                        |                               |                        |                                |                       |                                                             |
| Torba                                     | 61.0                   | 17.3                          | 21.7                   | 0.0                            | 0.0                   | 171                                                         |
| Sanma                                     | 61.6                   | 11.8                          | 25.5                   | 0.0                            | 1.1                   | 342                                                         |
| Penama                                    | 72.6                   | 1.6                           | 25.3                   | 0.3                            | 0.2                   | 407                                                         |
| Malampa                                   | 70.1                   | 11.1                          | 18.5                   | 0.3                            | 0.0                   | 353                                                         |
| Shefa                                     | 67.0                   | 10.5                          | 19.6                   | 2.3                            | 0.6                   | 352                                                         |
| Tafea                                     | 42.3                   | 26.7                          | 30.4                   | 0.3                            | 0.4                   | 475                                                         |
| Port Vila                                 | 83.3                   | 5.4                           | 7.5                    | 0.5                            | 3.3                   | 269                                                         |
| Luganville                                | 65.0                   | 16.1                          | 13.9                   | 0.0                            | 5.1                   | 219                                                         |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                        |                               |                        |                                |                       |                                                             |
| Catholic                                  | 63.1                   | 10.6                          | 25.7                   | 0.0                            | 0.6                   | 250                                                         |
| Anglican                                  | 71.7                   | 7.6                           | 20.7                   | 0.0                            | 0.0                   | 383                                                         |
| Assemblies of God                         | 56.4                   | 14.7                          | 26.9                   | 0.0                            | 2.0                   | 168                                                         |
| Church of Christ                          | 71.2                   | 3.9                           | 20.4                   | 0.0                            | 4.5                   | 175                                                         |
| Presbyterian                              | 72.6                   | 10.6                          | 16.3                   | 0.3                            | 0.3                   | 689                                                         |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 65.1                   | 11.5                          | 21.0                   | 0.3                            | 2.2                   | 351                                                         |
| Apostolic                                 | 59.2                   | 14.7                          | 19.4                   | 4.9                            | 1.7                   | 88                                                          |
| Other Christian                           | 61.4                   | 16.3                          | 18.9                   | 2.3                            | 1.2                   | 400                                                         |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 63.3                   | 15.8                          | 21.0                   | 0.0                            | 0.0                   | 30                                                          |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 42.9                   | 21.8                          | 29.3                   | 6.0                            | 0.0                   | 54                                                          |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                        |                               |                        |                                |                       |                                                             |
| No education                              | 60.4                   | 20.2                          | 18.8                   | 0.6                            | 0.0                   | 206                                                         |
| Primary                                   | 67.5                   | 10.4                          | 21.3                   | 0.3                            | 0.5                   | 1,099                                                       |
| Secondary                                 | 65.2                   | 11.3                          | 20.8                   | 1.2                            | 1.5                   | 1,212                                                       |
| Higher/Tertiary                           | 77.6                   | 14.4                          | 3.5                    | 0.0                            | 4.4                   | 71                                                          |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                        |                               |                        |                                |                       |                                                             |
| 15-19                                     | 39.0                   | 12.3                          | 43.1                   | 0.5                            | 5.1                   | 102                                                         |
| 15-17                                     | 23.3                   | 17.1                          | 53.5                   | 1.6                            | 4.5                   | 29                                                          |
| 18-19                                     | 46.1                   | 10.1                          | 38.4                   | 0.0                            | 5.4                   | 73                                                          |
| 20-24                                     | 59.7                   | 14.5                          | 23.7                   | 0.3                            | 1.8                   | 286                                                         |
| 25-29                                     | 67.3                   | 12.3                          | 18.4                   | 0.9                            | 1.2                   | 393                                                         |
| 30-34                                     | 68.9                   | 9.5                           | 20.7                   | 0.2                            | 0.7                   | 425                                                         |
| 35-39                                     | 66.9                   | 10.5                          | 21.0                   | 1.2                            | 0.3                   | 327                                                         |
| 40-44                                     | 71.5                   | 9.8                           | 17.4                   | 0.5                            | 0.7                   | 310                                                         |
| 45-49                                     | 71.9                   | 12.2                          | 15.3                   | 0.4                            | 0.1                   | 227                                                         |
| 50-54                                     | 66.9                   | 11.5                          | 20.7                   | 0.0                            | 0.9                   | 210                                                         |
| 55-64                                     | 75.1                   | 11.8                          | 9.5                    | 2.7                            | 0.8                   | 308                                                         |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |                        |                               |                        |                                |                       |                                                             |
| Lower                                     | 62.3                   | 12.7                          | 24.5                   | 0.2                            | 0.4                   | 1,384                                                       |
| Medium                                    | 65.4                   | 10.6                          | 22.0                   | 0.8                            | 1.1                   | 848                                                         |
| Higher                                    | 75.8                   | 11.1                          | 8.4                    | 2.0                            | 2.8                   | 356                                                         |
| <b>Disability status</b>                  |                        |                               |                        |                                |                       |                                                             |
| No difficulty                             | 65.7                   | 10.4                          | 21.4                   | 1.2                            | 1.2                   | 986                                                         |
| Some difficulty                           | 65.8                   | 12.8                          | 20.0                   | 0.7                            | 0.8                   | 1,347                                                       |
| A lot of difficulty                       | 72.3                   | 9.7                           | 14.6                   | 0.0                            | 3.4                   | 227                                                         |
| Cannot do at all                          | 54.6                   | 6.0                           | 39.4                   | 0.0                            | 0.0                   | 28                                                          |

Table 5.9b: Nature of first sexual experience, by age of first sexual intercourse (weighted), among women who ever had sex, Vanuatu 2024

| Age of first sexual intercourse | Wanted to have sex (%) | Did not want, but had sex (%) | Forced to have sex (%) | Don't know/ don't remember (%) | Refused to answer (%) | Number of women interviewed who ever had sex (unweighted N) |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total                           | 66.3                   | 11.6                          | 20.2                   | 0.8                            | 1.2                   | 2,588                                                       |
| <15                             | 36.8                   | 8.8                           | 53.3                   | 0.0                            | 1.1                   | 140                                                         |
| 15-17                           | 55.1                   | 16.8                          | 27.5                   | 0.2                            | 0.4                   | 931                                                         |
| 18-21                           | 74.2                   | 9.3                           | 15.1                   | 0.6                            | 0.8                   | 1,226                                                       |
| 22+                             | 84.3                   | 8.3                           | 7.3                    | 0.2                            | 0.0                   | 270                                                         |
| Refused to answer               | 20.2                   | 4.9                           | 0.0                    | 31.1                           | 43.8                  | 21                                                          |

Note: Among the 2762 women who were asked this series of questions, 30 did not answer the question about age of first sexual experience (in row "refused to answer"). The structure of the questionnaire allows women to nevertheless be asked about the nature of their first sexual experience, and 21 did not answer this question. These are represented in the row and columns labelled "refused to answer" and "don't know/don't remember".

Table 5.10: Comparison of partner and non-partner violence (weighted), among women 15-49 years old (for comparison with other studies using age group 15-49), and women aged 15-64, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                                                  | Life time prevalence (%) | 12 month prevalence (%) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Among ever-partnered women aged 15-49 (N=2025)*</b>                                                           | <b>Aged 15-49</b>        |                         |
| Physical violence by partner                                                                                     | 48.3                     | 28.5                    |
| Sexual violence by partner                                                                                       | 27.3                     | 17.0                    |
| Physical or sexual violence by partner                                                                           | 53.9                     | 34.3                    |
| Emotional violence by partner                                                                                    | 67.1                     | 49.7                    |
| Physical or sexual or emotional violence by partner                                                              | 72.1                     | 54.4                    |
| <b>Among ever-pregnant women aged 15-49 (N=1818)</b>                                                             |                          |                         |
| Physical violence in pregnancy                                                                                   | 13.4                     | Not applicable          |
| <b>Among ALL women aged 15-49 years old (N=2242)*</b>                                                            |                          |                         |
| Physical violence since age 15 by non-partner                                                                    | 35.5                     | 12.1                    |
| Sexual violence since age 15 by non-partner**                                                                    | 22.3                     | 4.1                     |
| Physical or sexual violence by non-partner since age 15**                                                        | 44.3                     | 14.6                    |
| Physical violence by partner (among ALL women aged 15-49)                                                        | 39.1                     | 23.0                    |
| Sexual violence by partner (among ALL women aged 15-49)                                                          | 22.1                     | 13.7                    |
| Physical or sexual violence by partner (among ALL women aged 15-49)                                              | 43.6                     | 27.7                    |
| <b>Physical or sexual violence by partner or non-partner since age 15 (among ALL women aged 15-49) (N=2242)*</b> | <b>64.4</b>              | <b>34.2</b>             |
| Child sexual abuse before age 15                                                                                 | 30.0                     | Not applicable          |
|                                                                                                                  |                          |                         |
| <b>Among ALL women aged 15-64 (N=2762)***</b>                                                                    | <b>Aged 15-64</b>        |                         |
| Physical violence since age 15 by non-partner                                                                    | 34.7                     | 11.3                    |
| Sexual violence since age 15 by non-partner**                                                                    | 21.2                     | 3.4                     |
| Physical or sexual violence by non-partner since age 15**                                                        | 43.2                     | 13.4                    |
| Physical violence by partner (among ALL women aged 15-64, N=2765)***                                             | 39.4                     | 20.8                    |
| Sexual violence by partner (among ALL women aged 15-64, N=2765)***                                               | 22.1                     | 12.5                    |
| Physical or sexual violence by partner (among ALL women aged 15-64, N=2765)***                                   | 44.0                     | 25.1                    |
| <b>Among ALL women aged 15-64 (N=2765)***</b>                                                                    | <b>Aged 15-64</b>        |                         |
| <b>Physical violence by partner or non-partner</b>                                                               | <b>57.7</b>              |                         |
| <b>Sexual violence by partner or non-partner</b>                                                                 | <b>33.5</b>              |                         |
| <b>Physical or sexual violence by partner or non-partner since age 15 (among ALL women aged 15-64, N=2765)**</b> | <b>63.9</b>              | <b>29.8</b>             |

\* N is 2245 for the total of all women aged 15-49. However, N=2242 is used for those who experienced non-partner violence, because 3 did not answer questions on non-partner violence; N=2025 for all ever-partnered women aged 15-49.

\*\*Sexual violence uses the international standard definition in this table, which includes forced intercourse, attempted intercourse and unwanted sexual touching, and excludes sexual harassment.

\*\*\* N is 2765 for all women aged 15-64. However, only 2762 respondents answered all questions on non-partner violence. For intimate partner violence (IPV), 2539 answered questions for sexual IPV, and 2540 for physical IPV (this includes 3 women who completed the IPV module, but did not complete the non-partner violence module). The denominator of 2765 captures all respondents who answered any of the questions relevant to a measure of intimate partner violence and non-partner violence among ALL women.

Table 6.1: Attitudes to gender equality: weighted proportion of all interviewed women who said they agree with specific statements presented to them, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | "A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees" (%) | "Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family" (%) | "A man should show he is the boss" (%) | "A woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/partner disapproves" (%) | "It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner, even if she doesn't feel like it" (%) | "If a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside of the family should intervene" (%) | "A woman or girl should not touch food when she has her monthly period/menstruation" (%) | "It is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage" (%) | "If bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband" (%) | Unweighted N* |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>50.8</b>                                               | <b>77.9</b>                                                              | <b>46.3</b>                            | <b>38.3</b>                                                                                     | <b>21.0</b>                                                                                            | <b>73.9</b>                                                                              | <b>71.8</b>                                                                              | <b>24.8</b>                                                                       | <b>57.1</b>                                                                    | <b>2765</b>   |
| <b>Urban-Rural</b>                        |                                                           |                                                                          |                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                |               |
| Urban                                     | 59.8                                                      | 82.5                                                                     | 48.0                                   | 45.8                                                                                            | 21.8                                                                                                   | 76.1                                                                                     | 68.3                                                                                     | 15.3                                                                              | 52.7                                                                           | 541           |
| Rural                                     | 48.4                                                      | 76.6                                                                     | 45.9                                   | 36.3                                                                                            | 20.9                                                                                                   | 73.3                                                                                     | 72.8                                                                                     | 27.3                                                                              | 58.3                                                                           | 2224          |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                                                           |                                                                          |                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                |               |
| Torba                                     | 26.5                                                      | 74.8                                                                     | 22.9                                   | 45.0                                                                                            | 10.6                                                                                                   | 48.9                                                                                     | 46.1                                                                                     | 6.9                                                                               | 34.2                                                                           | 180           |
| Sanma                                     | 60.9                                                      | 79.8                                                                     | 55.6                                   | 37.1                                                                                            | 25.6                                                                                                   | 78.1                                                                                     | 78.4                                                                                     | 28.0                                                                              | 71.5                                                                           | 369           |
| Penama                                    | 59.7                                                      | 79.5                                                                     | 72.0                                   | 48.6                                                                                            | 33.7                                                                                                   | 80.5                                                                                     | 86.6                                                                                     | 47.0                                                                              | 85.4                                                                           | 424           |
| Malampa                                   | 47.4                                                      | 76.5                                                                     | 41.3                                   | 50.2                                                                                            | 16.1                                                                                                   | 72.0                                                                                     | 67.6                                                                                     | 29.2                                                                              | 48.5                                                                           | 368           |
| Shefa                                     | 43.6                                                      | 71.9                                                                     | 44.8                                   | 32.0                                                                                            | 18.7                                                                                                   | 77.6                                                                                     | 64.3                                                                                     | 22.1                                                                              | 57.6                                                                           | 394           |
| Tafea                                     | 41.9                                                      | 82.3                                                                     | 24.3                                   | 15.4                                                                                            | 17.1                                                                                                   | 58.0                                                                                     | 87.7                                                                                     | 24.8                                                                              | 36.9                                                                           | 489           |
| Port Vila                                 | 55.2                                                      | 78.6                                                                     | 45.1                                   | 39.4                                                                                            | 15.1                                                                                                   | 72.5                                                                                     | 59.3                                                                                     | 12.6                                                                              | 45.2                                                                           | 295           |
| Luganville                                | 69.1                                                      | 90.4                                                                     | 54.0                                   | 58.7                                                                                            | 35.3                                                                                                   | 83.4                                                                                     | 86.5                                                                                     | 20.6                                                                              | 67.9                                                                           | 246           |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                                                           |                                                                          |                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                |               |
| Catholic                                  | 55.3                                                      | 75.9                                                                     | 49.7                                   | 33.7                                                                                            | 21.2                                                                                                   | 72.3                                                                                     | 67.7                                                                                     | 26.4                                                                              | 57.6                                                                           | 268           |
| Anglican                                  | 52.4                                                      | 74.4                                                                     | 54.8                                   | 44.1                                                                                            | 24.7                                                                                                   | 72.7                                                                                     | 75.2                                                                                     | 30.5                                                                              | 62.5                                                                           | 409           |
| Assemblies of God                         | 48.0                                                      | 69.2                                                                     | 30.4                                   | 38.2                                                                                            | 16.9                                                                                                   | 70.5                                                                                     | 71.9                                                                                     | 25.6                                                                              | 51.3                                                                           | 180           |
| Church of Christ                          | 49.1                                                      | 82.9                                                                     | 52.5                                   | 42.5                                                                                            | 27.4                                                                                                   | 82.0                                                                                     | 65.5                                                                                     | 26.3                                                                              | 59.5                                                                           | 186           |
| Presbyterian                              | 51.4                                                      | 76.7                                                                     | 43.9                                   | 37.8                                                                                            | 22.1                                                                                                   | 75.3                                                                                     | 64.0                                                                                     | 24.8                                                                              | 54.1                                                                           | 735           |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 47.2                                                      | 80.0                                                                     | 39.6                                   | 36.6                                                                                            | 16.7                                                                                                   | 71.5                                                                                     | 82.5                                                                                     | 20.6                                                                              | 61.4                                                                           | 379           |
| Apostolic                                 | 39.5                                                      | 80.2                                                                     | 51.7                                   | 42.2                                                                                            | 21.5                                                                                                   | 77.2                                                                                     | 66.1                                                                                     | 26.4                                                                              | 55.8                                                                           | 95            |
| Other Christian                           | 53.1                                                      | 80.8                                                                     | 52.7                                   | 39.3                                                                                            | 20.2                                                                                                   | 75.0                                                                                     | 77.0                                                                                     | 21.9                                                                              | 55.4                                                                           | 425           |
| Other Non-Christian                       | 55.9                                                      | 72.4                                                                     | 40.0                                   | 39.1                                                                                            | 15.8                                                                                                   | 56.2                                                                                     | 60.8                                                                                     | 31.6                                                                              | 62.3                                                                           | 32            |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 54.7                                                      | 89.6                                                                     | 37.5                                   | 13.4                                                                                            | 27.3                                                                                                   | 61.0                                                                                     | 83.5                                                                                     | 36.2                                                                              | 52.8                                                                           | 56            |

|                                | "A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees" (%) | "Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family" (%) | "A man should show he is the boss" (%) | "A woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/partner disapproves" (%) | "It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner, even if she doesn't feel like it" (%) | "If a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside of the family should intervene" (%) | "A woman or girl should not touch food when she has her monthly period/menstruation" (%) | "It is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage" (%) | "If bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband" (%) | Unweighted N* |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | <b>50.8</b>                                               | <b>77.9</b>                                                              | <b>46.3</b>                            | <b>38.3</b>                                                                                     | <b>21.0</b>                                                                                            | <b>73.9</b>                                                                              | <b>71.8</b>                                                                              | <b>24.8</b>                                                                       | <b>57.1</b>                                                                    | <b>2765</b>   |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                                                           |                                                                          |                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                |               |
| No education                   | 55.9                                                      | 74.2                                                                     | 39.0                                   | 35.5                                                                                            | 24.9                                                                                                   | 57.9                                                                                     | 74.5                                                                                     | 41.4                                                                              | 52.4                                                                           | 210           |
| Primary                        | 56.0                                                      | 79.2                                                                     | 52.7                                   | 42.7                                                                                            | 27.6                                                                                                   | 75.7                                                                                     | 74.0                                                                                     | 31.6                                                                              | 60.8                                                                           | 1121          |
| Secondary                      | 47.4                                                      | 77.2                                                                     | 43.5                                   | 35.6                                                                                            | 16.7                                                                                                   | 73.7                                                                                     | 71.3                                                                                     | 20.5                                                                              | 56.5                                                                           | 1355          |
| Higher/Tertiary                | 47.3                                                      | 79.8                                                                     | 41.3                                   | 42.0                                                                                            | 22.0                                                                                                   | 80.7                                                                                     | 57.4                                                                                     | 5.9                                                                               | 40.0                                                                           | 79            |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                           |                                                                          |                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                |               |
| 15-19                          | 43.5                                                      | 77.1                                                                     | 44.0                                   | 28.7                                                                                            | 16.3                                                                                                   | 58.6                                                                                     | 79.1                                                                                     | 17.8                                                                              | 63.0                                                                           | 229           |
| 15-17                          | 50.9                                                      | 75.4                                                                     | 48.6                                   | 25.0                                                                                            | 20.1                                                                                                   | 68.4                                                                                     | 74.8                                                                                     | 27.1                                                                              | 60.1                                                                           | 121           |
| 18-19                          | 36.9                                                      | 78.7                                                                     | 39.9                                   | 32.0                                                                                            | 12.9                                                                                                   | 49.8                                                                                     | 83.1                                                                                     | 9.4                                                                               | 65.6                                                                           | 108           |
| 20-24                          | 48.8                                                      | 81.5                                                                     | 46.5                                   | 33.5                                                                                            | 19.8                                                                                                   | 82.3                                                                                     | 73.5                                                                                     | 22.0                                                                              | 56.0                                                                           | 321           |
| 25-29                          | 44.4                                                      | 75.0                                                                     | 42.2                                   | 40.3                                                                                            | 15.7                                                                                                   | 74.1                                                                                     | 70.0                                                                                     | 23.0                                                                              | 47.6                                                                           | 398           |
| 30-34                          | 51.8                                                      | 76.3                                                                     | 44.2                                   | 42.9                                                                                            | 17.7                                                                                                   | 76.2                                                                                     | 66.1                                                                                     | 24.4                                                                              | 52.2                                                                           | 427           |
| 35-39                          | 53.1                                                      | 79.8                                                                     | 51.5                                   | 45.1                                                                                            | 23.8                                                                                                   | 76.1                                                                                     | 71.7                                                                                     | 23.2                                                                              | 57.7                                                                           | 328           |
| 40-44                          | 56.5                                                      | 76.7                                                                     | 53.3                                   | 39.3                                                                                            | 25.3                                                                                                   | 75.4                                                                                     | 64.5                                                                                     | 36.8                                                                              | 60.3                                                                           | 313           |
| 45-49                          | 58.8                                                      | 77.0                                                                     | 44.9                                   | 37.2                                                                                            | 25.0                                                                                                   | 79.1                                                                                     | 74.0                                                                                     | 30.4                                                                              | 60.8                                                                           | 229           |
| 50-54                          | 56.6                                                      | 83.9                                                                     | 43.0                                   | 39.6                                                                                            | 31.7                                                                                                   | 80.8                                                                                     | 79.2                                                                                     | 29.6                                                                              | 61.3                                                                           | 210           |
| 55-64                          | 54.1                                                      | 75.4                                                                     | 48.9                                   | 44.2                                                                                            | 24.0                                                                                                   | 71.2                                                                                     | 68.5                                                                                     | 24.6                                                                              | 58.2                                                                           | 310           |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                                                           |                                                                          |                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                |               |
| Lower                          | 50.2                                                      | 76.3                                                                     | 45.9                                   | 36.2                                                                                            | 21.3                                                                                                   | 69.6                                                                                     | 75.1                                                                                     | 31.5                                                                              | 58.2                                                                           | 1456          |
| Medium                         | 51.2                                                      | 80.1                                                                     | 50.0                                   | 38.6                                                                                            | 21.6                                                                                                   | 74.8                                                                                     | 72.0                                                                                     | 23.7                                                                              | 60.3                                                                           | 907           |
| Higher                         | 51.3                                                      | 77.1                                                                     | 41.0                                   | 41.8                                                                                            | 19.6                                                                                                   | 80.6                                                                                     | 65.2                                                                                     | 13.8                                                                              | 49.7                                                                           | 402           |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                                                           |                                                                          |                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                          |                                                                                   |                                                                                |               |
| No difficulty                  | 54.3                                                      | 80.2                                                                     | 47.9                                   | 34.8                                                                                            | 22.6                                                                                                   | 75.8                                                                                     | 73.8                                                                                     | 24.3                                                                              | 54.5                                                                           | 1079          |
| Some difficulty                | 48.5                                                      | 77.1                                                                     | 45.8                                   | 38.0                                                                                            | 20.5                                                                                                   | 72.3                                                                                     | 71.5                                                                                     | 26.3                                                                              | 60.9                                                                           | 1410          |
| A lot of difficulty            | 48.7                                                      | 71.8                                                                     | 41.8                                   | 55.1                                                                                            | 16.6                                                                                                   | 73.4                                                                                     | 64.2                                                                                     | 18.4                                                                              | 43.6                                                                           | 242           |

|                                                                                      | "A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees"<br>(%) | "Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family"<br>(%) | "A man should show he is the boss"<br>(%) | "A woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/partner disapproves"<br>(%) | "It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner, even if she doesn't feel like it"<br>(%) | "If a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside of the family should intervene"<br>(%) | "A woman or girl should not touch food when she has her monthly period/menstruation"<br>(%) | "It is all right for a woman or girl to be swapped or exchanged for marriage"<br>(%) | "If bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband"<br>(%) | Unweighted N* |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                 | <b>50.8</b>                                                  | <b>77.9</b>                                                                 | <b>46.3</b>                               | <b>38.3</b>                                                                                        | <b>21.0</b>                                                                                               | <b>73.9</b>                                                                                 | <b>71.8</b>                                                                                 | <b>24.8</b>                                                                          | <b>57.1</b>                                                                       | <b>2765</b>   |
| Cannot do at all                                                                     | 54.9                                                         | 80.5                                                                        | 53.1                                      | 39.1                                                                                               | 32.3                                                                                                      | 84.4                                                                                        | 81.1                                                                                        | 21.7                                                                                 | 78.8                                                                              | 34            |
| <b>According to experience of violence among all ever-partnered women (N=2540**)</b> |                                                              |                                                                             |                                           |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |                                                                                             |                                                                                             |                                                                                      |                                                                                   |               |
| No phys or sex partner viol                                                          | 50.8                                                         | 77.0                                                                        | 46.7                                      | 39.6                                                                                               | 19.2                                                                                                      | 75.8                                                                                        | 68.6                                                                                        | 25.0                                                                                 | 55.9                                                                              | 1123          |
| Phys or sex partner violence                                                         | 53.6                                                         | 77.2                                                                        | 46.7                                      | 41.7                                                                                               | 23.9                                                                                                      | 75.0                                                                                        | 74.0                                                                                        | 26.5                                                                                 | 56.3                                                                              | 1417          |
| <b>P-value***</b>                                                                    | <b>0.321</b>                                                 | <b>0.942</b>                                                                | <b>0.989</b>                              | <b>0.440</b>                                                                                       | <b>0.038</b>                                                                                              | <b>0.738</b>                                                                                | <b>0.032</b>                                                                                | <b>0.520</b>                                                                         | <b>0.868</b>                                                                      |               |
| Emotional partner violence                                                           | 52.5                                                         | 77.1                                                                        | 46.9                                      | 42.6                                                                                               | 22.5                                                                                                      | 77.2                                                                                        | 72.3                                                                                        | 26.7                                                                                 | 56.1                                                                              | 1714          |

\* The denominator is 2765 (rather than 2762 in Chapter 5) because 3 respondents who partially completed the survey answered questions on attitudes in section 6 of the questionnaire, but not questions on non-partner violence in section 10. Women who answered don't know are included in the denominator.

\*\* Questions on attitudes were asked of all women, while the association with partner violence is tested for ever-partnered women only (N=2540), all of whom answered this question.

\*\*\* The p values shown here test for no physical or sexual intimate partner violence, compared with physical or sexual violence intimate partner violence. The p-value indicates the probability that an observed association is due to random chance. A p value less than 0.05 is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).





| Percentage of women who agree that a man has a good reason to hit his wife if: |                            |                      |                     |                                 |                                   |                                    |                          |                               |                                  |                                                     |                                   | Percentage of women who agree with: |                           |                         |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                | Housework not complete (%) | She disobeys him (%) | She refuses sex (%) | She asks about girl-friends (%) | He suspects she is unfaithful (%) | He finds out she is unfaithful (%) | Bride price NOT paid (%) | Bride price HAS BEEN paid (%) | She lives in his house /land (%) | She needs discipline, taught a lesson, educated (%) | She is unable to get pregnant (%) | One or more reasons (%)             | Three or more reasons (%) | None of the reasons (%) | Unweighted N* |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                           | <b>17.0</b>                | <b>34.8</b>          | <b>14.4</b>         | <b>15.0</b>                     | <b>25.4</b>                       | <b>46.2</b>                        | <b>9.4</b>               | <b>26.2</b>                   | <b>8.9</b>                       | <b>25.9</b>                                         | <b>17.3</b>                       | <b>66.1</b>                         | <b>38.6</b>               | <b>33.9</b>             | <b>2765</b>   |
| No education                                                                   | 22.1                       | 38.8                 | 28.0                | 17.2                            | 23.8                              | 41.6                               | 22.0                     | 31.5                          | 14.8                             | 33.7                                                | 27.7                              | 67.1                                | 44.8                      | 32.9                    | 210           |
| Primary                                                                        | 21.1                       | 35.7                 | 18.8                | 17.7                            | 24.6                              | 45.6                               | 11.4                     | 28.5                          | 10.2                             | 29.7                                                | 23.1                              | 68.6                                | 41.5                      | 31.4                    | 1121          |
| Secondary                                                                      | 14.5                       | 34.5                 | 11.3                | 13.8                            | 26.7                              | 47.9                               | 7.6                      | 24.7                          | 8.2                              | 23.2                                                | 12.9                              | 65.6                                | 36.9                      | 34.5                    | 1355          |
| Higher/Tertiary                                                                | 11.7                       | 26.7                 | 2.3                 | 6.8                             | 16.6                              | 33.8                               | 2.5                      | 21.4                          | 0.6                              | 20.3                                                | 15.1                              | 51.2                                | 28.1                      | 48.8                    | 79            |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>                                                 |                            |                      |                     |                                 |                                   |                                    |                          |                               |                                  |                                                     |                                   |                                     |                           |                         |               |
| 15-19                                                                          | 22.2                       | 51.9                 | 13.7                | 14.5                            | 36.7                              | 53.3                               | 10.9                     | 30.2                          | 13.0                             | 22.9                                                | 12.1                              | 70.0                                | 49.6                      | 30.0                    | 229           |
| 15-17                                                                          | 29.3                       | 54.7                 | 17.5                | 22.0                            | 36.5                              | 57.2                               | 16.3                     | 39.9                          | 20.9                             | 33.1                                                | 17.2                              | 75.4                                | 52.3                      | 24.6                    | 121           |
| 18-19                                                                          | 15.8                       | 49.4                 | 10.3                | 7.6                             | 36.9                              | 49.7                               | 6.0                      | 21.5                          | 5.8                              | 13.7                                                | 7.5                               | 65.2                                | 47.2                      | 34.8                    | 108           |
| 20-24                                                                          | 17.2                       | 40.0                 | 12.5                | 20.7                            | 25.6                              | 55.5                               | 7.4                      | 34.8                          | 12.1                             | 26.6                                                | 18.4                              | 75.3                                | 42.6                      | 24.7                    | 321           |
| 25-29                                                                          | 17.3                       | 29.6                 | 13.4                | 13.3                            | 22.8                              | 38.8                               | 11.9                     | 24.2                          | 6.6                              | 23.9                                                | 18.7                              | 58.4                                | 34.5                      | 41.6                    | 398           |
| 30-34                                                                          | 12.6                       | 27.9                 | 11.4                | 12.5                            | 20.7                              | 42.6                               | 8.8                      | 22.3                          | 7.5                              | 26.6                                                | 16.0                              | 64.2                                | 32.2                      | 35.8                    | 427           |
| 35-39                                                                          | 18.9                       | 28.4                 | 14.1                | 14.8                            | 24.6                              | 44.8                               | 9.4                      | 26.8                          | 9.5                              | 30.7                                                | 19.2                              | 66.9                                | 37.8                      | 33.1                    | 328           |
| 40-44                                                                          | 16.1                       | 34.6                 | 18.1                | 10.5                            | 21.9                              | 46.8                               | 11.7                     | 25.0                          | 6.8                              | 26.4                                                | 19.8                              | 61.8                                | 37.4                      | 38.2                    | 313           |
| 45-49                                                                          | 17.4                       | 28.1                 | 17.7                | 15.5                            | 26.0                              | 40.3                               | 7.9                      | 24.3                          | 8.5                              | 24.5                                                | 20.2                              | 59.6                                | 35.5                      | 40.5                    | 229           |
| 50-54                                                                          | 13.2                       | 34.5                 | 15.1                | 20.1                            | 25.7                              | 48.4                               | 7.8                      | 17.8                          | 5.1                              | 26.6                                                | 15.3                              | 72.0                                | 39.9                      | 28.0                    | 210           |
| 55-64                                                                          | 15.5                       | 27.6                 | 16.6                | 14.1                            | 20.3                              | 39.8                               | 7.9                      | 23.4                          | 7.6                              | 26.5                                                | 18.6                              | 63.3                                | 32.1                      | 36.7                    | 310           |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>                                                   |                            |                      |                     |                                 |                                   |                                    |                          |                               |                                  |                                                     |                                   |                                     |                           |                         |               |
| Lower                                                                          | 17.8                       | 38.3                 | 19.8                | 14.9                            | 26.5                              | 44.3                               | 11.8                     | 28.1                          | 10.7                             | 26.2                                                | 22.9                              | 65.8                                | 41.9                      | 34.2                    | 1456          |
| Medium                                                                         | 17.6                       | 37.5                 | 12.6                | 17.9                            | 25.0                              | 50.6                               | 8.1                      | 27.8                          | 8.5                              | 27.4                                                | 14.6                              | 70.0                                | 41.3                      | 30.0                    | 907           |
| Higher                                                                         | 14.5                       | 23.7                 | 7.0                 | 10.5                            | 23.9                              | 42.5                               | 7.0                      | 19.9                          | 6.4                              | 22.7                                                | 11.1                              | 60.2                                | 27.6                      | 39.8                    | 402           |
| <b>Disability status</b>                                                       |                            |                      |                     |                                 |                                   |                                    |                          |                               |                                  |                                                     |                                   |                                     |                           |                         |               |
| No difficulty                                                                  | 14.3                       | 35.1                 | 16.0                | 15.2                            | 21.4                              | 43.9                               | 8.1                      | 25.3                          | 8.4                              | 23.6                                                | 16.6                              | 63.2                                | 35.5                      | 36.8                    | 1079          |
| Some difficulty                                                                | 19.2                       | 35.6                 | 14.0                | 15.2                            | 28.6                              | 48.1                               | 10.9                     | 27.3                          | 9.4                              | 26.9                                                | 18.1                              | 68.0                                | 41.9                      | 32.0                    | 1410          |
| A lot difficulty                                                               | 15.4                       | 26.5                 | 8.8                 | 12.4                            | 23.0                              | 42.2                               | 6.1                      | 20.2                          | 8.0                              | 27.7                                                | 13.7                              | 64.7                                | 30.1                      | 35.3                    | 242           |
| Cannot do                                                                      | 22.3                       | 60.5                 | 24.7                | 22.2                            | 32.3                              | 68.9                               | 13.2                     | 55.3                          | 15.8                             | 38.1                                                | 30.0                              | 90.2                                | 60.3                      | 9.8                     | 34            |

| Percentage of women who agree that a man has a good reason to hit his wife if:       |                            |                      |                     |                                 |                                   |                                    |                          |                               |                                  |                                                     |                                   | Percentage of women who agree with: |                           |                         |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                      | Housework not complete (%) | She disobeys him (%) | She refuses sex (%) | She asks about girl-friends (%) | He suspects she is unfaithful (%) | He finds out she is unfaithful (%) | Bride price NOT paid (%) | Bride price HAS BEEN paid (%) | She lives in his house /land (%) | She needs discipline, taught a lesson, educated (%) | She is unable to get pregnant (%) | One or more reasons (%)             | Three or more reasons (%) | None of the reasons (%) | Unweighted N* |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                 | <b>17.0</b>                | <b>34.8</b>          | <b>14.4</b>         | <b>15.0</b>                     | <b>25.4</b>                       | <b>46.2</b>                        | <b>9.4</b>               | <b>26.2</b>                   | <b>8.9</b>                       | <b>25.9</b>                                         | <b>17.3</b>                       | <b>66.1</b>                         | <b>38.6</b>               | <b>33.9</b>             | <b>2765</b>   |
| <b>According to experience of violence among all ever-partnered women (N=2540**)</b> |                            |                      |                     |                                 |                                   |                                    |                          |                               |                                  |                                                     |                                   |                                     |                           |                         |               |
| No phys or sex partner viol                                                          | 15.9                       | 30.1                 | 12.4                | 14.5                            | 24.8                              | 45.3                               | 9.5                      | 22.0                          | 7.4                              | 24.7                                                | 17.7                              | 65.0                                | 35.4                      | 35.0                    | 1123          |
| Phys or sex partner violence                                                         | 16.9                       | 34.0                 | 17.3                | 15.6                            | 23.0                              | 44.0                               | 9.7                      | 28.7                          | 10.6                             | 29.7                                                | 19.2                              | 65.5                                | 39.0                      | 34.5                    | 1417          |
| <b>P-value***</b>                                                                    | 0.638                      | 0.126                | 0.011               | 0.566                           | 0.470                             | 0.662                              | 0.886                    | 0.006                         | 0.034                            | 0.044                                               | 0.460                             | 0.853                               | 0.189                     | 0.853                   |               |
| Emotional partner violence                                                           | 17.8                       | 35.9                 | 17.0                | 15.3                            | 23.1                              | 45.1                               | 9.5                      | 28.2                          | 9.5                              | 28.8                                                | 19.6                              | 66.5                                | 39.3                      | 33.5                    | 1714          |

\* The denominator is 2765 (rather than 2762 in Chapter 5) because 3 respondents who partially completed the survey answered questions on attitudes in section 6 of the questionnaire, but not questions on non-partner violence in section 10. Women who answered don't know are included in the denominator.

\*\* Questions on attitudes were asked of all women, while the association with partner violence is tested for ever-partnered women only (N=2540), all of whom answered this question.

\*\*\* The p values shown here test for no physical or sexual intimate partner violence, compared with physical or sexual violence intimate partner violence. The p-value indicates the probability that an observed association is due to random chance. A p value less than 0.05 is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

Table 6.3: Attitudes on sexual partner violence: weighted proportion of all interviewed women who said they agree that a married woman can refuse to have sex with her husband for reasons stated below, Vanuatu 2024

| Percentage of women who agree that a married woman can <u>refuse</u> sex with her husband if: |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               | Percentage of women who agree with: |                 |                         | Unweighted N* |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                               | She does not want to have sex (%) | He is drunk (%) | She is sick (%) | If he mis-treats her (%) | He is HIV+ (%) | He has an STI (%) | He has sex with other women (%) | He has sex with other men (%) | She does not want to get pregnant (%) | Bride price NOT been paid (%) | Bride price HAS been paid (%) | One or more reasons (%)             | All reasons (%) | None of the reasons (%) |               |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                          | 63.2                              | 69.6            | 78.8            | 74.8                     | 80.5           | 80.4              | 80.5                            | 78.8                          | 68.0                                  | 44.8                          | 47.4                          | 90.5                                | 21.9            | 9.5                     | <b>2765</b>   |
| <b>Urban-Rural</b>                                                                            |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| Urban                                                                                         | 54.3                              | 58.7            | 66.6            | 63.2                     | 64.5           | 64.7              | 64.4                            | 62.0                          | 59.6                                  | 26.2                          | 31.2                          | 77.9                                | 10.5            | 22.2                    | 541           |
| Rural                                                                                         | 65.6                              | 72.5            | 82.0            | 77.9                     | 84.8           | 84.7              | 84.8                            | 83.3                          | 70.3                                  | 49.7                          | 51.7                          | 93.9                                | 25.0            | 6.1                     | 2224          |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b>                                                     |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| Torba                                                                                         | 74.6                              | 80.9            | 83.1            | 79.5                     | 84.1           | 83.6              | 84.1                            | 83.3                          | 83.0                                  | 63.5                          | 55.4                          | 90.9                                | 38.3            | 9.1                     | 180           |
| Sanma                                                                                         | 66.9                              | 71.3            | 87.9            | 83.8                     | 87.3           | 87.7              | 87.6                            | 88.3                          | 68.2                                  | 54.0                          | 46.4                          | 97.7                                | 18.9            | 2.3                     | 369           |
| Penama                                                                                        | 44.3                              | 57.1            | 75.0            | 61.3                     | 73.7           | 73.0              | 70.8                            | 62.2                          | 48.1                                  | 35.4                          | 31.1                          | 87.2                                | 9.7             | 12.8                    | 424           |
| Malampa                                                                                       | 69.3                              | 80.9            | 94.2            | 83.3                     | 96.9           | 96.5              | 96.0                            | 96.6                          | 77.6                                  | 66.3                          | 59.2                          | 99.7                                | 32.5            | 0.3                     | 368           |
| Shefa                                                                                         | 69.4                              | 73.1            | 77.2            | 78.1                     | 83.5           | 83.3              | 85.1                            | 83.7                          | 74.3                                  | 44.0                          | 58.3                          | 90.7                                | 26.8            | 9.3                     | 394           |
| Tafea                                                                                         | 67.1                              | 74.2            | 78.6            | 78.4                     | 80.9           | 81.1              | 80.5                            | 79.5                          | 71.2                                  | 48.2                          | 50.9                          | 97.0                                | 29.3            | 3.0                     | 489           |
| Port Vila                                                                                     | 47.6                              | 49.0            | 55.6            | 51.8                     | 51.7           | 51.7              | 51.5                            | 47.3                          | 48.5                                  | 14.3                          | 20.1                          | 67.4                                | 3.7             | 32.6                    | 295           |
| Luganville                                                                                    | 67.9                              | 78.3            | 88.9            | 86.2                     | 90.4           | 90.9              | 90.5                            | 91.8                          | 82.1                                  | 50.3                          | 53.8                          | 98.9                                | 24.0            | 1.1                     | 246           |
| <b>Religion</b>                                                                               |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| Catholic                                                                                      | 60.9                              | 66.3            | 76.5            | 72.6                     | 76.5           | 76.9              | 76.6                            | 73.0                          | 65.7                                  | 44.0                          | 44.2                          | 88.2                                | 22.0            | 11.8                    | 268           |
| Anglican                                                                                      | 55.6                              | 61.9            | 72.5            | 63.0                     | 71.4           | 71.4              | 71.3                            | 66.9                          | 57.8                                  | 41.7                          | 38.0                          | 82.9                                | 17.3            | 17.1                    | 409           |
| AoG                                                                                           | 67.1                              | 71.8            | 77.9            | 80.0                     | 85.0           | 85.0              | 83.4                            | 79.8                          | 75.5                                  | 39.1                          | 51.2                          | 90.2                                | 22.1            | 9.8                     | 180           |
| CoC                                                                                           | 64.7                              | 69.4            | 75.6            | 73.7                     | 75.5           | 75.7              | 73.8                            | 72.0                          | 66.1                                  | 37.5                          | 42.5                          | 89.5                                | 17.8            | 10.5                    | 186           |
| Presbyterian                                                                                  | 67.8                              | 73.3            | 78.7            | 79.1                     | 78.4           | 78.3              | 80.9                            | 80.0                          | 71.6                                  | 45.5                          | 48.0                          | 91.4                                | 24.2            | 8.6                     | 735           |
| SDA                                                                                           | 55.6                              | 69.0            | 82.3            | 71.6                     | 89.1           | 88.4              | 88.3                            | 86.4                          | 65.9                                  | 50.0                          | 50.8                          | 93.0                                | 19.7            | 7.0                     | 379           |
| Apostolic                                                                                     | 58.1                              | 62.8            | 74.0            | 69.7                     | 75.9           | 75.9              | 76.9                            | 77.8                          | 63.0                                  | 35.3                          | 48.7                          | 84.1                                | 19.5            | 16.0                    | 95            |
| Other Christian                                                                               | 67.8                              | 71.4            | 83.0            | 79.0                     | 84.3           | 84.3              | 82.2                            | 82.0                          | 70.6                                  | 45.6                          | 49.3                          | 93.7                                | 24.1            | 6.3                     | 425           |
| Other Non-Christian                                                                           | 70.5                              | 81.6            | 87.7            | 82.2                     | 94.7           | 94.7              | 94.7                            | 94.7                          | 76.4                                  | 51.3                          | 53.8                          | 94.7                                | 25.7            | 5.3                     | 32            |
| No Rel/No Ans                                                                                 | 64.5                              | 63.8            | 72.4            | 71.4                     | 72.8           | 72.8              | 70.9                            | 70.9                          | 71.3                                  | 64.4                          | 62.3                          | 94.2                                | 32.9            | 5.8                     | 56            |

| Percentage of women who agree that a married woman can <u>refuse</u> sex with her husband if: |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               | Percentage of women who agree with: |                 |                         |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                               | She does not want to have sex (%) | He is drunk (%) | She is sick (%) | If he mis-treats her (%) | He is HIV+ (%) | He has an STI (%) | He has sex with other women (%) | He has sex with other men (%) | She does not want to get pregnant (%) | Bride price NOT been paid (%) | Bride price HAS been paid (%) | One or more reasons (%)             | All reasons (%) | None of the reasons (%) | Unweighted N* |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                          | 63.2                              | 69.6            | 78.8            | 74.8                     | 80.5           | 80.4              | 80.5                            | 78.8                          | 68.0                                  | 44.8                          | 47.4                          | 90.5                                | 21.9            | 9.5                     | <b>2765</b>   |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>                                                                |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| No education                                                                                  | 68.8                              | 74.0            | 83.1            | 79.8                     | 84.0           | 84.2              | 83.0                            | 78.9                          | 73.3                                  | 52.3                          | 50.7                          | 92.8                                | 28.9            | 7.2                     | 210           |
| Primary                                                                                       | 65.6                              | 73.2            | 81.0            | 77.5                     | 83.6           | 83.8              | 83.1                            | 81.0                          | 71.6                                  | 45.6                          | 48.0                          | 92.7                                | 24.7            | 7.3                     | 1121          |
| Secondary                                                                                     | 60.6                              | 66.2            | 76.4            | 71.9                     | 77.6           | 77.3              | 78.0                            | 76.6                          | 64.8                                  | 44.1                          | 47.8                          | 88.5                                | 19.9            | 11.5                    | 1355          |
| Higher/Tertiary                                                                               | 70.7                              | 80.2            | 87.4            | 85.9                     | 90.4           | 90.7              | 89.9                            | 90.3                          | 75.8                                  | 37.0                          | 32.0                          | 96.4                                | 17.9            | 3.6                     | 79            |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>                                                                |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| 15-19                                                                                         | 52.3                              | 56.8            | 77.6            | 61.1                     | 78.4           | 78.7              | 78.8                            | 77.9                          | 58.9                                  | 51.0                          | 56.3                          | 87.6                                | 18.0            | 12.4                    | 229           |
| 15-17                                                                                         | 61.3                              | 68.0            | 71.9            | 70.1                     | 73.5           | 74.2              | 74.2                            | 74.6                          | 61.4                                  | 41.8                          | 48.6                          | 85.5                                | 19.4            | 14.5                    | 121           |
| 18-19                                                                                         | 44.1                              | 46.7            | 82.6            | 53.0                     | 82.7           | 82.7              | 83.0                            | 80.9                          | 56.7                                  | 59.2                          | 63.2                          | 89.5                                | 16.9            | 10.5                    | 108           |
| 20-24                                                                                         | 65.1                              | 68.5            | 76.9            | 79.3                     | 80.6           | 79.9              | 77.3                            | 74.1                          | 69.0                                  | 43.6                          | 47.9                          | 92.8                                | 20.9            | 7.2                     | 321           |
| 25-29                                                                                         | 63.7                              | 70.5            | 77.4            | 79.2                     | 81.8           | 80.9              | 82.2                            | 80.9                          | 75.3                                  | 46.3                          | 50.2                          | 90.9                                | 22.0            | 9.1                     | 398           |
| 30-34                                                                                         | 69.9                              | 74.0            | 76.9            | 73.2                     | 78.5           | 79.1              | 80.7                            | 79.3                          | 68.8                                  | 42.5                          | 48.0                          | 90.7                                | 25.4            | 9.3                     | 427           |
| 35-39                                                                                         | 68.4                              | 76.8            | 82.9            | 80.1                     | 83.2           | 83.7              | 83.1                            | 80.7                          | 72.0                                  | 45.9                          | 48.0                          | 91.6                                | 25.2            | 8.4                     | 328           |
| 40-44                                                                                         | 65.6                              | 73.7            | 79.4            | 78.3                     | 80.6           | 80.6              | 80.0                            | 78.8                          | 68.9                                  | 43.9                          | 41.5                          | 89.6                                | 23.9            | 10.4                    | 313           |
| 45-49                                                                                         | 65.1                              | 71.5            | 80.4            | 77.0                     | 81.7           | 81.5              | 81.7                            | 79.3                          | 67.3                                  | 43.9                          | 49.9                          | 91.0                                | 23.7            | 9.0                     | 229           |
| 50-54                                                                                         | 55.7                              | 72.3            | 78.6            | 77.8                     | 80.1           | 79.8              | 83.0                            | 80.7                          | 66.1                                  | 42.1                          | 33.8                          | 91.1                                | 19.0            | 8.9                     | 210           |
| 55-64                                                                                         | 65.2                              | 70.7            | 81.8            | 74.6                     | 81.6           | 81.5              | 80.8                            | 79.9                          | 68.4                                  | 40.0                          | 41.8                          | 90.0                                | 20.8            | 10.0                    | 310           |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>                                                                  |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| Lower                                                                                         | 63.8                              | 72.5            | 84.1            | 76.9                     | 84.7           | 84.8              | 83.6                            | 81.9                          | 67.9                                  | 53.3                          | 49.1                          | 94.2                                | 25.3            | 5.8                     | 1456          |
| Medium                                                                                        | 63.1                              | 67.7            | 75.1            | 74.3                     | 78.9           | 78.6              | 79.1                            | 77.5                          | 67.6                                  | 40.6                          | 47.8                          | 89.2                                | 20.2            | 10.8                    | 907           |
| Higher                                                                                        | 62.2                              | 67.1            | 74.7            | 71.6                     | 75.2           | 75.2              | 77.0                            | 75.0                          | 69.2                                  | 35.4                          | 43.3                          | 85.5                                | 18.2            | 14.5                    | 402           |
| <b>Disability status</b>                                                                      |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| No difficulty                                                                                 | 64.5                              | 70.8            | 77.9            | 75.0                     | 78.2           | 78.2              | 79.2                            | 76.8                          | 68.4                                  | 39.8                          | 42.0                          | 89.6                                | 19.7            | 10.4                    | 1079          |
| Some difficulty                                                                               | 61.4                              | 67.2            | 78.8            | 73.6                     | 82.0           | 81.7              | 81.0                            | 80.1                          | 66.7                                  | 47.5                          | 51.6                          | 91.1                                | 22.5            | 8.9                     | 1410          |
| A lot difficulty                                                                              | 68.6                              | 78.2            | 83.3            | 80.8                     | 83.0           | 83.5              | 84.2                            | 81.3                          | 74.2                                  | 50.6                          | 45.6                          | 90.9                                | 18.4            | 9.2                     | 242           |
| Cannot do                                                                                     | 56.3                              | 68.8            | 73.8            | 72.0                     | 73.8           | 73.8              | 72.3                            | 64.6                          | 67.1                                  | 42.8                          | 51.6                          | 87.4                                | 14.1            | 12.6                    | 34            |

| Percentage of women who agree that a married woman can <u>refuse</u> sex with her husband if: |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               | Percentage of women who agree with: |                 |                         |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                               | She does not want to have sex (%) | He is drunk (%) | She is sick (%) | If he mis-treats her (%) | He is HIV+ (%) | He has an STI (%) | He has sex with other women (%) | He has sex with other men (%) | She does not want to get pregnant (%) | Bride price NOT been paid (%) | Bride price HAS been paid (%) | One or more reasons (%)             | All reasons (%) | None of the reasons (%) | Unweighted N* |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                                                          | 63.2                              | 69.6            | 78.8            | 74.8                     | 80.5           | 80.4              | 80.5                            | 78.8                          | 68.0                                  | 44.8                          | 47.4                          | 90.5                                | 21.9            | 9.5                     | <b>2765</b>   |
| <b>According to experience of violence among all ever-partnered women (N=2540**)</b>          |                                   |                 |                 |                          |                |                   |                                 |                               |                                       |                               |                               |                                     |                 |                         |               |
| No phys or sex partner viol                                                                   | 60.2                              | 66.3            | 75.1            | 71.9                     | 76.8           | 76.6              | 77.2                            | 74.1                          | 67.0                                  | 37.3                          | 43.2                          | 88.1                                | 19.2            | 12.0                    | 1123          |
| Phys or sex partner violence                                                                  | 68.9                              | 76.9            | 84.4            | 82.2                     | 85.9           | 85.8              | 85.0                            | 84.1                          | 72.7                                  | 51.3                          | 51.0                          | 94.5                                | 28.1            | 5.5                     | 1417          |
| <b>P-value***</b>                                                                             | 0.001                             | <0.001          | <0.001          | <0.001                   | <0.001         | <0.001            | <0.001                          | <0.001                        | 0.025                                 | <0.001                        | 0.005                         | <0.001                              | <0.001          | <0.001                  |               |
| Emotional partner violence                                                                    | 66.5                              | 74.4            | 81.0            | 79.9                     | 83.2           | 83.2              | 82.6                            | 81.4                          | 71.6                                  | 47.3                          | 49.2                          | 92.3                                | 25.6            | 7.7                     | 1714          |

\* The denominator is 2765 (rather than 2762 in Chapter 5) because 3 respondents who partially completed the survey answered questions on attitudes in section 6 of the questionnaire, but not questions on non-partner violence in section 10. Women who answered don't know are included in the denominator.

\*\* Questions on attitudes were asked of all women, while the association with partner violence is tested for ever-partnered women only (N=2540), all of whom answered this question.

\*\*\* The p values shown here test for no physical or sexual intimate partner violence, compared with physical or sexual violence intimate partner violence. The p-value indicates the probability that an observed association is due to random chance. A p value less than 0.05 is considered statistically significant (not due to chance).

Table 6.4: Situations leading to violence as reported by women who ever experienced physical partner violence (weighted), Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | No particular reason (%) | Partner drunk on alcohol (%) | Partner had kava (%) | Money problems (%) | Difficulty with his work (%) | He is unemployed (%) | No food at home (%) | Problems with his or her family (%) | She is pregnant (%) | He is jealous of her (%) | She refuses sex (%) | She is disobedient (%) | Festivities (%) | He wants to teach her a lesson, discipline her (%) | She is unable to get pregnant (%) | He wants to show he is boss (%) | He had drugs (%) | He is back from o/s work (%) | Other reasons (%) | Unweighted N* |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Vanuatu</b>                            | 32.9                     | 33.9                         | 9.3                  | 8.3                | 1.0                          | 2.4                  | 9.3                 | 8.1                                 | 2.1                 | 30.1                     | 9.3                 | 11.9                   | 15.0            | 2.2                                                | 0.5                               | 5.1                             | 2.8              | 1.4                          | 6.9               | 1279          |
| Urban                                     | 41.5                     | 31.5                         | 3.9                  | 8.5                | 2.7                          | 4.1                  | 1.2                 | 16.9                                | 2.3                 | 27.6                     | 7.5                 | 4.0                    | 5.7             | 3.7                                                | 0.2                               | 2.3                             | 3.5              | 1.6                          | 12.8              | 168           |
| Rural                                     | 31.5                     | 34.3                         | 10.2                 | 8.3                | 0.7                          | 2.2                  | 10.6                | 6.7                                 | 2.0                 | 30.6                     | 9.6                 | 13.3                   | 16.6            | 1.9                                                | 0.5                               | 5.6                             | 2.7              | 1.4                          | 5.9               | 1111          |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                          |                              |                      |                    |                              |                      |                     |                                     |                     |                          |                     |                        |                 |                                                    |                                   |                                 |                  |                              |                   |               |
| Torba                                     | 25.4                     | 19.7                         | 6.9                  | 12.5               | 0.6                          | 0.6                  | 10.0                | 8.0                                 | 4.1                 | 56.7                     | 21.9                | 23.7                   | 33.8            | 11.3                                               | 0.4                               | 17.9                            | 2.1              | 3.3                          | 1.2               | 114           |
| Sanma                                     | 36.5                     | 32.3                         | 10.1                 | 8.6                | 0.6                          | 2.8                  | 6.9                 | 10.0                                | 1.7                 | 40.9                     | 10.5                | 23.0                   | 16.5            | 0.4                                                | 0.4                               | 2.4                             | 4.1              | 0.5                          | 10.6              | 192           |
| Penama                                    | 45.0                     | 9.5                          | 11.0                 | 3.8                | 0.0                          | 0.3                  | 14.6                | 3.5                                 | 0.8                 | 19.9                     | 2.1                 | 12.4                   | 11.0            | 0.5                                                | 0.0                               | 0.5                             | 0.5              | 0.0                          | 0.0               | 222           |
| Malampa                                   | 10.7                     | 46.5                         | 18.5                 | 12.8               | 1.0                          | 3.8                  | 10.3                | 13.0                                | 5.7                 | 24.3                     | 9.8                 | 11.8                   | 25.7            | 2.0                                                | 0.3                               | 6.8                             | 5.6              | 0.9                          | 2.3               | 208           |
| Shefa                                     | 37.5                     | 38.8                         | 4.5                  | 6.7                | 1.5                          | 2.7                  | 1.9                 | 1.8                                 | 0.0                 | 15.9                     | 2.7                 | 5.5                    | 2.3             | 0.8                                                | 0.0                               | 2.5                             | 1.0              | 1.9                          | 13.5              | 115           |
| Tafea                                     | 30.1                     | 43.8                         | 9.6                  | 7.9                | 0.0                          | 1.2                  | 23.4                | 5.5                                 | 1.6                 | 47.0                     | 20.6                | 12.5                   | 25.9            | 3.2                                                | 2.2                               | 12.5                            | 2.6              | 3.0                          | 1.2               | 260           |
| Port Vila                                 | 43.2                     | 35.9                         | 3.8                  | 10.7               | 2.2                          | 7.4                  | 0.8                 | 14.7                                | 4.3                 | 28.0                     | 12.2                | 3.2                    | 10.0            | 6.1                                                | 0.0                               | 2.9                             | 5.5              | 1.2                          | 13.7              | 61            |
| Luganville                                | 39.3                     | 26.2                         | 4.1                  | 5.9                | 3.3                          | 0.0                  | 1.6                 | 19.5                                | 0.0                 | 27.1                     | 1.7                 | 5.0                    | 0.6             | 0.9                                                | 0.5                               | 1.7                             | 1.2              | 2.2                          | 11.7              | 107           |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                          |                              |                      |                    |                              |                      |                     |                                     |                     |                          |                     |                        |                 |                                                    |                                   |                                 |                  |                              |                   |               |
| Catholic                                  | 32.3                     | 30.8                         | 9.4                  | 6.1                | 0.3                          | 0.0                  | 9.5                 | 4.2                                 | 2.3                 | 32.1                     | 5.2                 | 11.3                   | 14.3            | 0.8                                                | 0.0                               | 1.9                             | 4.5              | 2.4                          | 7.0               | 124           |
| Anglican                                  | 34.9                     | 20.5                         | 8.1                  | 8.3                | 0.6                          | 0.7                  | 13.9                | 9.6                                 | 1.0                 | 37.2                     | 8.4                 | 9.5                    | 20.0            | 5.1                                                | 0.2                               | 6.6                             | 1.5              | 1.4                          | 8.7               | 205           |
| AoG                                       | 27.1                     | 47.4                         | 11.0                 | 11.8               | 1.2                          | 4.9                  | 8.9                 | 12.0                                | 5.3                 | 40.2                     | 19.8                | 5.9                    | 18.3            | 4.6                                                | 0.6                               | 4.3                             | 1.0              | 7.4                          | 6.2               | 89            |
| CoC                                       | 50.8                     | 20.7                         | 3.3                  | 0.8                | 0.0                          | 0.0                  | 6.6                 | 6.2                                 | 0.5                 | 17.3                     | 4.2                 | 11.8                   | 11.5            | 0.0                                                | 0.0                               | 0.5                             | 0.0              | 0.0                          | 0.5               | 82            |
| Presb                                     | 29.9                     | 38.9                         | 11.0                 | 7.6                | 2.1                          | 2.3                  | 7.5                 | 9.2                                 | 2.8                 | 29.2                     | 9.9                 | 9.2                    | 16.3            | 1.0                                                | 0.5                               | 5.5                             | 2.8              | 0.5                          | 6.7               | 313           |
| SDA                                       | 32.4                     | 34.3                         | 12.2                 | 12.3               | 1.2                          | 0.7                  | 8.1                 | 6.9                                 | 0.9                 | 19.6                     | 5.8                 | 10.7                   | 11.3            | 2.8                                                | 0.8                               | 3.1                             | 2.1              | 1.1                          | 9.7               | 180           |
| Apostol                                   | 27.7                     | 31.6                         | 15.1                 | 1.1                | 2.7                          | 2.7                  | 10.3                | 10.6                                | 0.0                 | 47.7                     | 4.8                 | 9.6                    | 23.1            | 0.0                                                | 4.9                               | 4.8                             | 0.0              | 0.0                          | 14.0              | 32            |
| Other Chris                               | 34.9                     | 35.2                         | 7.2                  | 9.1                | 0.0                          | 7.0                  | 7.3                 | 8.7                                 | 2.7                 | 35.6                     | 11.5                | 19.7                   | 13.4            | 2.2                                                | 0.3                               | 8.5                             | 5.7              | 1.3                          | 6.1               | 206           |
| Other Non-Chris                           | 19.8                     | 44.8                         | 0.0                  | 11.0               | 0.0                          | 0.0                  | 30.6                | 10.2                                | 0.0                 | 34.6                     | 23.3                | 23.1                   | 14.1            | 5.7                                                | 1.1                               | 12.4                            | 3.9              | 2.8                          | 9.6               | 19            |
| No Rel/No Ans                             | 19.6                     | 42.5                         | 6.8                  | 12.4               | 0.0                          | 0.0                  | 28.4                | 0.0                                 | 0.0                 | 13.7                     | 15.2                | 17.2                   | 10.7            | 2.0                                                | 0.0                               | 6.8                             | 0.0              | 0.0                          | 0.0               | 29            |



|                                | No particular reason (%) | Partner drunk on alcohol (%) | Partner had kava (%) | Money problems (%) | Difficulty with his work (%) | He is unemployed (%) | No food at home (%) | Problems with his or her family (%) | She is pregnant (%) | He is jealous of her (%) | She refuses sex (%) | She is disobedient (%) | Festivities (%) | He wants to teach her a lesson, discipline her (%) | She is unable to get pregnant (%) | He wants to show he is boss (%) | He had drugs (%) | He is back from o/s work (%) | Other reasons (%) | Unweighted N* |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Vanuatu</b>                 | 32.9                     | 33.9                         | 9.3                  | 8.3                | 1.0                          | 2.4                  | 9.3                 | 8.1                                 | 2.1                 | 30.1                     | 9.3                 | 11.9                   | 15.0            | 2.2                                                | 0.5                               | 5.1                             | 2.8              | 1.4                          | 6.9               | 1279          |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                          |                              |                      |                    |                              |                      |                     |                                     |                     |                          |                     |                        |                 |                                                    |                                   |                                 |                  |                              |                   |               |
| No educ                        | 30.4                     | 35.7                         | 11.6                 | 6.6                | 0.0                          | 1.7                  | 25.5                | 3.6                                 | 0.0                 | 26.8                     | 13.2                | 9.9                    | 20.7            | 5.8                                                | 2.6                               | 5.0                             | 0.9              | 0.0                          | 1.2               | 101           |
| Primary                        | 33.5                     | 28.4                         | 10.7                 | 8.2                | 0.6                          | 1.3                  | 11.8                | 9.6                                 | 2.2                 | 28.2                     | 9.5                 | 12.2                   | 15.7            | 1.9                                                | 0.1                               | 5.6                             | 1.1              | 0.8                          | 7.3               | 556           |
| Second                         | 32.4                     | 38.1                         | 8.0                  | 8.8                | 1.4                          | 3.6                  | 5.4                 | 7.5                                 | 2.2                 | 32.3                     | 9.2                 | 12.1                   | 14.2            | 1.8                                                | 0.6                               | 4.5                             | 4.2              | 2.1                          | 7.2               | 595           |
| Tert                           | 40.0                     | 36.6                         | 8.1                  | 5.3                | 1.3                          | 0.0                  | 7.5                 | 6.4                                 | 2.7                 | 26.4                     | 1.8                 | 9.7                    | 6.8             | 4.1                                                | 0.0                               | 11.1                            | 8.4              | 2.3                          | 7.0               | 27            |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                          |                              |                      |                    |                              |                      |                     |                                     |                     |                          |                     |                        |                 |                                                    |                                   |                                 |                  |                              |                   |               |
| 15-19                          | 52.8                     | 29.9                         | 1.4                  | 2.5                | 0.0                          | 0.0                  | 1.2                 | 0.6                                 | 0.0                 | 13.0                     | 2.4                 | 4.0                    | 8.4             | 0.0                                                | 0.0                               | 1.6                             | 1.9              | 0.0                          | 7.4               | 31            |
| 15-17                          | 69.7                     | 19.0                         | 0.0                  | 0.0                | 0.0                          | 0.0                  | 0.0                 | 1.7                                 | 0.0                 | 6.7                      | 6.6                 | 0.0                    | 6.7             | 0.0                                                | 0.0                               | 0.0                             | 0.0              | 0.0                          | 9.5               | 9             |
| 18-19                          | 43.2                     | 36.0                         | 2.2                  | 3.9                | 0.0                          | 0.0                  | 1.8                 | 0.0                                 | 0.0                 | 16.6                     | 0.0                 | 6.3                    | 9.4             | 0.0                                                | 0.0                               | 2.5                             | 3.0              | 0.0                          | 6.2               | 22            |
| 20-24                          | 33.9                     | 39.5                         | 7.5                  | 8.3                | 0.0                          | 1.4                  | 4.1                 | 2.6                                 | 0.3                 | 32.9                     | 14.2                | 17.3                   | 10.4            | 4.1                                                | 0.0                               | 7.5                             | 3.6              | 2.9                          | 5.9               | 157           |
| 25-29                          | 33.6                     | 36.2                         | 8.1                  | 8.4                | 2.6                          | 1.0                  | 6.5                 | 5.9                                 | 0.8                 | 27.3                     | 6.1                 | 10.8                   | 12.3            | 0.1                                                | 1.5                               | 3.7                             | 5.0              | 1.7                          | 4.1               | 199           |
| 30-34                          | 31.3                     | 38.3                         | 16.0                 | 12.9               | 2.0                          | 6.7                  | 10.1                | 12.3                                | 4.5                 | 32.2                     | 11.0                | 14.9                   | 17.0            | 2.2                                                | 0.6                               | 4.7                             | 3.8              | 3.2                          | 9.0               | 234           |
| 35-39                          | 26.1                     | 35.3                         | 13.1                 | 10.3               | 1.3                          | 1.3                  | 17.8                | 10.1                                | 1.4                 | 35.2                     | 10.0                | 7.7                    | 19.2            | 3.6                                                | 1.0                               | 7.1                             | 5.7              | 0.2                          | 11.1              | 184           |
| 40-44                          | 34.7                     | 26.1                         | 10.6                 | 5.9                | 0.5                          | 3.2                  | 10.9                | 7.5                                 | 2.4                 | 35.1                     | 9.2                 | 14.0                   | 13.7            | 0.1                                                | 0.3                               | 3.4                             | 1.8              | 1.4                          | 3.9               | 152           |
| 45-49                          | 30.3                     | 35.1                         | 4.2                  | 8.4                | 0.0                          | 0.6                  | 11.0                | 7.4                                 | 3.7                 | 27.5                     | 12.9                | 10.2                   | 18.2            | 1.7                                                | 0.0                               | 1.3                             | 0.0              | 0.0                          | 8.9               | 96            |
| 50-54                          | 23.4                     | 27.5                         | 6.4                  | 4.6                | 0.8                          | 1.4                  | 11.9                | 11.5                                | 1.1                 | 41.2                     | 12.0                | 10.0                   | 19.5            | 4.0                                                | 0.0                               | 10.5                            | 0.0              | 0.8                          | 7.5               | 95            |
| 55-64                          | 37.3                     | 29.6                         | 6.1                  | 6.6                | 0.0                          | 2.0                  | 7.9                 | 11.5                                | 2.9                 | 19.3                     | 3.6                 | 10.9                   | 15.8            | 2.9                                                | 0.4                               | 5.0                             | 0.0              | 0.0                          | 4.6               | 131           |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                          |                              |                      |                    |                              |                      |                     |                                     |                     |                          |                     |                        |                 |                                                    |                                   |                                 |                  |                              |                   |               |
| Lower                          | 32.0                     | 31.2                         | 12.2                 | 9.0                | 0.7                          | 1.8                  | 14.2                | 7.2                                 | 2.6                 | 33.3                     | 11.1                | 13.1                   | 19.5            | 2.4                                                | 0.3                               | 6.2                             | 2.8              | 0.9                          | 2.8               | 774           |
| Med                            | 32.0                     | 34.5                         | 8.3                  | 9.3                | 0.7                          | 2.2                  | 5.9                 | 9.5                                 | 1.9                 | 26.0                     | 7.7                 | 11.8                   | 12.1            | 2.5                                                | 0.8                               | 4.8                             | 2.8              | 1.5                          | 11.7              | 395           |
| Higher                         | 38.7                     | 42.1                         | 1.6                  | 3.4                | 2.8                          | 5.1                  | 0.3                 | 7.9                                 | 0.6                 | 29.5                     | 7.3                 | 8.2                    | 6.4             | 0.6                                                | 0.2                               | 2.1                             | 3.2              | 3.4                          | 9.0               | 110           |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                          |                              |                      |                    |                              |                      |                     |                                     |                     |                          |                     |                        |                 |                                                    |                                   |                                 |                  |                              |                   |               |
| No difficult                   | 35.4                     | 35.9                         | 7.6                  | 7.5                | 0.1                          | 1.9                  | 8.5                 | 7.6                                 | 2.3                 | 29.3                     | 12.9                | 10.6                   | 14.9            | 1.4                                                | 1.1                               | 5.9                             | 2.4              | 2.7                          | 4.6               | 446           |
| Some                           | 30.7                     | 33.6                         | 10.2                 | 8.7                | 1.7                          | 3.1                  | 9.9                 | 8.9                                 | 2.2                 | 32.3                     | 8.1                 | 12.8                   | 15.6            | 2.9                                                | 0.2                               | 4.4                             | 2.8              | 0.8                          | 7.8               | 695           |
| A lot                          | 36.8                     | 29.8                         | 11.0                 | 8.8                | 0.0                          | 1.1                  | 8.8                 | 6.3                                 | 0.9                 | 23.3                     | 5.2                 | 12.3                   | 13.6            | 1.1                                                | 0.2                               | 6.5                             | 4.7              | 0.8                          | 8.9               | 121           |
| Cannot do at all               | 34.2                     | 28.5                         | 0.0                  | 4.9                | 0.0                          | 0.0                  | 6.0                 | 3.0                                 | 3.0                 | 16.4                     | 6.3                 | 9.5                    | 5.8             | 0.0                                                | 0.0                               | 3.0                             | 0.0              | 0.0                          | 9.2               | 17            |

\*The sample for intimate partner violence is N=2540 ever-partnered women. For the indicator of physical intimate partner violence (IPV), 1281 responded yes (1259 responded no). Of the 1281 reporting physical IPV, 2 did not answer this question; these 2 respondents are excluded because they ended the survey before this question.

Table 7.1: Weighted percentage of women reporting injuries as a result of physical or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

|                                           | Ever injured (%) | Number of women reporting partner violence (unweighted)* |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | <b>34.0</b>      | <b>1415</b>                                              |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                       |                  |                                                          |
| Urban                                     | 39.3             | 185                                                      |
| Rural                                     | 33.0             | 1230                                                     |
| <b>Location (province and urban area)</b> |                  |                                                          |
| Torba                                     | 23.5             | 129                                                      |
| Sanma                                     | 36.5             | 210                                                      |
| Penama                                    | 31.9             | 256                                                      |
| Malampa                                   | 28.1             | 221                                                      |
| Shefa                                     | 36.7             | 124                                                      |
| Tafea                                     | 33.4             | 290                                                      |
| Port Vila                                 | 43.7             | 65                                                       |
| Luganville                                | 34.3             | 120                                                      |
| <b>Religion</b>                           |                  |                                                          |
| Catholic                                  | 32.3             | 142                                                      |
| Anglican                                  | 32.5             | 234                                                      |
| Assemblies of God                         | 45.0             | 95                                                       |
| Church of Christ                          | 31.6             | 91                                                       |
| Presbyterian                              | 35.3             | 347                                                      |
| Seventh Day Adventist                     | 27.2             | 195                                                      |
| Apostolic                                 | 29.9             | 34                                                       |
| Other Christian                           | 37.6             | 225                                                      |
| Other Non-Christian**                     |                  |                                                          |
| No Religion/No Answer                     | 20.0             | 33                                                       |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>            |                  |                                                          |
| No education                              | 24.6             | 118                                                      |
| Primary                                   | 33.4             | 615                                                      |
| Secondary                                 | 35.9             | 654                                                      |
| Higher/Tertiary                           | 27.3             | 28                                                       |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>            |                  |                                                          |
| 15-19                                     | 8.5              | 47                                                       |
| 15-17**                                   |                  |                                                          |
| 18-19                                     | 14.8             | 31                                                       |
| 20-24                                     | 32.8             | 170                                                      |
| 25-29                                     | 34.8             | 220                                                      |
| 30-34                                     | 47.1             | 251                                                      |
| 35-39                                     | 34.0             | 195                                                      |
| 40-44                                     | 32.5             | 168                                                      |
| 45-49                                     | 33.9             | 110                                                      |
| 50-54                                     | 39.6             | 109                                                      |
| 55-64                                     | 28.5             | 145                                                      |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>              |                  |                                                          |
| Lower                                     | 31.6             | 856                                                      |
| Medium                                    | 32.6             | 441                                                      |

|                                        | Ever injured (%) | Number of women reporting partner violence (unweighted)* |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                   | <b>34.0</b>      | <b>1415</b>                                              |
| Higher                                 | 37.6             | 118                                                      |
| <b>Disability status</b>               |                  |                                                          |
| No difficulty                          | 28.4             | 490                                                      |
| Some difficulty                        | 36.1             | 776                                                      |
| A lot of difficulty                    | 39.3             | 130                                                      |
| Cannot do at all***                    | 41.6             | (19)                                                     |
| <b>By type of partner violence****</b> |                  |                                                          |
| Sexual only                            | 7.2              | 136                                                      |
| Physical only                          | 29.6             | 685                                                      |
| Physical and sexual                    | 46.3             | 594                                                      |

\* The total number of ever-partnered women experiencing physical or sexual partner violence is 1417. However, 2 respondents ceased the questionnaire before the beginning of this section of the questionnaire, so N=1415.

\*\* These findings are suppressed due to the very small numbers (less than 20 respondents in this category), which renders findings unreliable.

\*\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable.

\*\*\*\* Note that physical or sexual partner violence is the total prevalence rate of 33.9%, since only women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence were asked the question on injuries due to partner violence.

**Table 7.2a: Weighted prevalence, frequency and use of health services for women who were injured due to physical or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024**

| <b>a. Prevalence, frequency, use of services</b>                           | <b>N unweighted</b> | <b>% Weighted</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Injuries among women reporting partner violence (N=1415 unweighted)</b> |                     |                   |
| Ever injured due to partner violence                                       | 464                 | 34.0              |
| Injured in the past 12 months                                              | 172                 | 14.7              |
| Ever hurt enough to need health care                                       | 209                 | 16.5              |
| <b>Frequency injured among ever injured (N=464 unweighted)</b>             |                     |                   |
| Once/twice                                                                 | 239                 | 49.3              |
| Several (3 - 5 times)                                                      | 140                 | 28.5              |
| Many (more than 5 times)                                                   | 81                  | 21.1              |
| Don't know or remember / Refused or no answer                              | 4                   | 1.2               |
| Injured in the past 12 months [among those ever-injured N=464]             | 172                 | 43.3              |
| <b>Among women hurt enough to need health care (N=209)</b>                 |                     |                   |
| Proportion needed health care in the past 12m                              | 73                  | 46.2              |
| Proportion ever received health care for injuries                          | 163                 | 78.0              |
| <b>Among women who received health care for injuries (N=169*)</b>          |                     |                   |
| Proportion who spent at least 1 night in hospital due to injury            | 87                  | 49.6              |
| Proportion who told health worker about real cause of injury               | 135                 | 85.4              |

\*Six respondents answered don't know, don't remember or refused to answer to question (806), and have been included in the denominator, because they were asked questions 807 and 808 on nights in hospital and telling a health worker the real cause of their injury.

Table 7.2b: Weighted prevalence of injuries for women who were injured due to physical or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

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| b. Type of injury (multiple responses)<br>among those reporting injuries      | Injured during lifetime<br>(N=464 unweighted) |      | Injured in past 12 months<br>(N=172 unweighted) |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------|------|
|                                                                               | N<br>unweighted                               | %    | N<br>unweighted                                 | %    |
| Type of injury among women who said they were ever injured (N=464 Unweighted) |                                               |      |                                                 |      |
| Cuts, puncture, bites                                                         | 45                                            | 10.4 | 16                                              | 9.1  |
| Scratch, abrasion and bruises                                                 | 275                                           | 57.7 | 116                                             | 60.2 |
| Sprains, dislocations                                                         | 61                                            | 12.7 | 21                                              | 12.4 |
| Burns                                                                         | 20                                            | 3.5  | 9                                               | 3.3  |
| Penetrating injuries, deep cuts, gashes                                       | 27                                            | 7.2  | 6                                               | 6.3  |
| Broken ear drum, eye injuries                                                 | 149                                           | 34.0 | 64                                              | 39.4 |
| Fractures, broken bones                                                       | 58                                            | 16.6 | 19                                              | 17.6 |
| Broken teeth                                                                  | 20                                            | 3.2  | 7                                               | 2.8  |
| Internal injuries from sexual violence                                        | 11                                            | 1.9  | 7                                               | 2.7  |
| Internal injuries requiring spleen to be removed                              | 12                                            | 3.2  | 7                                               | 3.4  |
| Other internal injuries                                                       | 23                                            | 4.4  | 13                                              | 5.1  |
| Other                                                                         | 40                                            | 8.2  | 12                                              | 5.9  |
| Permanent Disability (n=464)                                                  | 89                                            | 19.1 | Not applicable                                  |      |
| Among women reporting partner violence (N=1415 unweighted)                    |                                               |      |                                                 |      |
| Lost consciousness                                                            | 204                                           | 16.1 | 69                                              | 6.0  |

Table 7.3: Weighted self-reported impact of partner violence on women's physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being, among women who reported physical or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

| Self-reported impact on well-being (N=1414*) | No effect (%) | A little (%) | A lot (%) | Don't know/ Refused | N unweighted |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                         | 39.5          | 44.6         | 15.7      | 0.2                 | 1,414        |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                          |               |              |           |                     |              |
| Urban                                        | 33.9          | 44.8         | 21.3      | 0.0                 | 185          |
| Rural                                        | 40.5          | 44.6         | 14.7      | 0.2                 | 1,229        |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b>  |               |              |           |                     |              |
| Torba                                        | 54.7          | 32.3         | 12.5      | 0.5                 | 129          |
| Sanma                                        | 43.6          | 33.4         | 23.0      | 0.0                 | 210          |
| Penama                                       | 39.0          | 51.2         | 9.8       | 0.0                 | 256          |
| Malampa                                      | 44.6          | 44.9         | 9.9       | 0.6                 | 221          |
| Shefa                                        | 43.3          | 37.5         | 19.2      | 0.0                 | 123          |
| Tafea                                        | 26.2          | 63.2         | 10.4      | 0.2                 | 290          |
| Port Vila                                    | 23.5          | 48.7         | 27.8      | 0.0                 | 65           |
| Luganville                                   | 45.7          | 40.3         | 14.0      | 0.0                 | 120          |
| <b>Religion</b>                              |               |              |           |                     |              |
| Catholic                                     | 38.7          | 49.9         | 11.5      | 0.0                 | 142          |
| Anglican                                     | 42.0          | 41.0         | 16.7      | 0.2                 | 234          |
| Assemblies of God                            | 29.9          | 43.1         | 27.0      | 0.0                 | 94           |
| Church of Christ                             | 47.2          | 42.2         | 10.5      | 0.0                 | 91           |
| Presbyterian                                 | 46.1          | 36.9         | 16.6      | 0.4                 | 347          |
| Seventh Day Adventist                        | 34.2          | 50.3         | 15.5      | 0.0                 | 195          |

| <b>Self-reported impact on well-being (N=1414*)</b> | No effect (%) | A little (%) | A lot (%) | Don't know/Refused | N unweighted |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                                | 39.5          | 44.6         | 15.7      | 0.2                | 1,414        |
| Apostolic                                           | 18.2          | 71.8         | 10.0      | 0.0                | 34           |
| Other Christian                                     | 36.6          | 47.5         | 15.8      | 0.0                | 225          |
| Other Non-Christian**                               |               |              |           |                    |              |
| No Religion/No Answer                               | 35.5          | 59.9         | 2.9       | 1.7                | 33           |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>                      |               |              |           |                    |              |
| No education                                        | 30.0          | 63.0         | 7.0       | 0.0                | 118          |
| Primary                                             | 39.1          | 45.7         | 14.8      | 0.4                | 614          |
| Secondary                                           | 41.0          | 41.9         | 17.1      | 0.0                | 654          |
| Higher/Tertiary                                     | 41.9          | 31.7         | 26.4      | 0.0                | 28           |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>                      |               |              |           |                    |              |
| 15-19                                               | 51.9          | 34.8         | 12.0      | 1.3                | 47           |
| 15-17**                                             |               |              |           |                    |              |
| 18-19                                               | 54.3          | 35.3         | 10.4      | 0.0                | 31           |
| 20-24                                               | 46.2          | 43.5         | 10.3      | 0.0                | 170          |
| 25-29                                               | 42.8          | 42.1         | 15.1      | 0.0                | 220          |
| 30-34                                               | 34.0          | 46.2         | 19.6      | 0.2                | 251          |
| 35-39                                               | 29.6          | 53.2         | 17.2      | 0.0                | 195          |
| 40-44                                               | 39.1          | 50.1         | 10.8      | 0.0                | 167          |
| 45-49                                               | 37.9          | 46.3         | 15.3      | 0.5                | 110          |
| 50-54                                               | 35.8          | 42.7         | 21.5      | 0.0                | 109          |
| 55-64                                               | 41.9          | 38.3         | 19.8      | 0.0                | 145          |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>                        |               |              |           |                    |              |
| Lower                                               | 40.3          | 45.7         | 13.9      | 0.1                | 856          |
| Medium                                              | 39.9          | 43.9         | 15.9      | 0.3                | 440          |
| Higher                                              | 35.3          | 42.6         | 22.1      | 0.0                | 118          |
| <b>Disability status</b>                            |               |              |           |                    |              |
| No difficulty                                       | 48.6          | 42.0         | 9.1       | 0.3                | 490          |
| Some difficulty                                     | 35.7          | 46.5         | 17.8      | 0.0                | 775          |
| A lot of difficulty                                 | 34.0          | 40.1         | 25.6      | 0.3                | 130          |
| Cannot do at all***                                 | 6.8           | 76.0         | 17.2      | 0.0                | (19)         |

\* 1417 women experienced either physical or sexual partner violence. N=1414 in this table because 3 of these women ceased the interview before this question.

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Table 7.4a: Weighted self-reported impact of violence on women's work, among women who reported physical or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

| Self-reported impact on work (N=1414)       | Work not disrupted (%) | Partner interrupted work (%) | Unable to concentrate (%) | Unable to work/sick leave (%) | Lost confidence in own ability (%) | Partner stopped her working (%) | Others (%) | Not applicable (not working for money) (%) | N unweighted |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu*</b>                       | 66.8                   | 23.0                         | 6.1                       | 6.1                           | 2.4                                | 3.7                             | 1.1        | 1.5                                        | 1,414        |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| Urban                                       | 70.0                   | 26.2                         | 4.0                       | 1.4                           | 1.1                                | 4.3                             | 0.8        | 2.4                                        | 185          |
| Rural                                       | 66.2                   | 22.5                         | 6.5                       | 7.0                           | 2.6                                | 3.6                             | 1.1        | 1.3                                        | 1,229        |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| Torba                                       | 77.4                   | 6.3                          | 9.9                       | 1.7                           | 7.5                                | 5.8                             | 3.2        | 0.7                                        | 129          |
| Sanma                                       | 63.1                   | 31.3                         | 7.6                       | 3.1                           | 1.9                                | 5.7                             | 0.0        | 1.5                                        | 210          |
| Penama                                      | 83.0                   | 16.8                         | 0.0                       | 0.2                           | 0.0                                | 0.3                             | 0.0        | 0.0                                        | 256          |
| Malampa                                     | 63.3                   | 26.4                         | 4.5                       | 8.0                           | 4.9                                | 3.9                             | 0.0        | 0.0                                        | 221          |
| Shefa                                       | 69.5                   | 29.5                         | 4.1                       | 1.8                           | 0.3                                | 3.1                             | 3.5        | 0.8                                        | 123          |
| Tafea                                       | 49.4                   | 10.2                         | 15.2                      | 24.6                          | 4.8                                | 4.3                             | 0.7        | 4.7                                        | 290          |
| Port Vila                                   | 74.9                   | 22.2                         | 4.1                       | 2.7                           | 0.8                                | 5.9                             | 0.0        | 1.1                                        | 65           |
| Luganville                                  | 64.4                   | 30.6                         | 4.0                       | 0.0                           | 1.5                                | 2.4                             | 1.7        | 3.8                                        | 120          |
| <b>Religion</b>                             |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| Catholic                                    | 65.5                   | 16.3                         | 8.9                       | 9.6                           | 2.5                                | 2.3                             | 0.0        | 1.6                                        | 142          |
| Anglican                                    | 74.5                   | 19.6                         | 3.6                       | 1.2                           | 2.1                                | 1.9                             | 1.3        | 0.3                                        | 234          |
| Assemblies of God                           | 46.6                   | 33.5                         | 12.9                      | 15.2                          | 3.6                                | 6.2                             | 4.5        | 4.7                                        | 94           |
| Church of Christ                            | 75.9                   | 18.8                         | 0.7                       | 2.0                           | 1.8                                | 2.9                             | 7.3        | 0.0                                        | 91           |
| Presbyterian                                | 69.0                   | 24.8                         | 6.8                       | 4.6                           | 2.4                                | 4.1                             | 0.0        | 1.7                                        | 347          |
| Seventh Day Adventist                       | 69.4                   | 23.0                         | 5.4                       | 2.8                           | 2.1                                | 2.6                             | 0.1        | 1.6                                        | 195          |
| Apostolic                                   | 50.3                   | 31.7                         | 12.8                      | 15.8                          | 0.0                                | 6.2                             | 0.0        | 0.0                                        | 34           |
| Other Christian                             | 61.2                   | 25.5                         | 4.1                       | 9.4                           | 1.6                                | 5.7                             | 0.7        | 1.0                                        | 225          |
| Other Non-Christian                         | 58.1                   | 13.8                         | 17.6                      | 18.2                          | 17.6                               | 0.0                             | 0.0        | 2.8                                        | 19           |
| No Religion/No Answer                       | 83.3                   | 8.6                          | 5.6                       | 1.7                           | 3.3                                | 0.6                             | 0.0        | 5.2                                        | 33           |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| No education                                | 74.3                   | 11.4                         | 5.1                       | 9.3                           | 3.3                                | 0.6                             | 0.2        | 1.0                                        | 118          |

| Self-reported impact on work (N=1414) | Work not disrupted (%) | Partner interrupted work (%) | Unable to concentrate (%) | Unable to work/sick leave (%) | Lost confidence in own ability (%) | Partner stopped her working (%) | Others (%) | Not applicable (not working for money) (%) | N unweighted |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu*</b>                 | 66.8                   | 23.0                         | 6.1                       | 6.1                           | 2.4                                | 3.7                             | 1.1        | 1.5                                        | 1,414        |
| Primary                               | 65.9                   | 23.4                         | 6.6                       | 5.7                           | 2.0                                | 3.5                             | 0.5        | 1.5                                        | 614          |
| Secondary                             | 66.5                   | 24.3                         | 5.7                       | 6.3                           | 2.5                                | 4.1                             | 0.4        | 1.6                                        | 654          |
| Higher/Tertiary                       | 66.7                   | 21.0                         | 9.8                       | 1.1                           | 2.5                                | 8.0                             | 26.7       | 0.0                                        | 28           |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>        |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| 15-19                                 | 68.3                   | 25.4                         | 0.0                       | 4.3                           | 1.8                                | 0.0                             | 5.2        | 4.3                                        | 47           |
| 15-17**                               |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| 18-19                                 | 86.0                   | 17.0                         | 0.0                       | 7.5                           | 3.1                                | 0.0                             | 2.4        | 0.0                                        | 31           |
| 20-24                                 | 61.9                   | 20.6                         | 7.2                       | 9.9                           | 3.7                                | 0.4                             | 4.0        | 2.5                                        | 170          |
| 25-29                                 | 70.5                   | 19.9                         | 7.4                       | 4.4                           | 1.0                                | 5.1                             | 0.9        | 1.8                                        | 220          |
| 30-34                                 | 63.2                   | 27.5                         | 8.5                       | 6.4                           | 3.8                                | 6.0                             | 0.0        | 0.6                                        | 251          |
| 35-39                                 | 65.5                   | 25.0                         | 7.0                       | 6.3                           | 4.3                                | 4.5                             | 0.0        | 0.0                                        | 195          |
| 40-44                                 | 68.6                   | 20.4                         | 4.5                       | 6.5                           | 1.9                                | 3.1                             | 0.3        | 1.5                                        | 167          |
| 45-49                                 | 70.5                   | 24.1                         | 9.1                       | 4.3                           | 1.0                                | 6.8                             | 0.2        | 0.9                                        | 110          |
| 50-54                                 | 66.0                   | 20.6                         | 4.4                       | 5.7                           | 0.5                                | 5.1                             | 0.0        | 2.3                                        | 109          |
| 55-64                                 | 69.8                   | 23.1                         | 3.7                       | 5.7                           | 1.4                                | 1.9                             | 0.0        | 0.8                                        | 145          |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>          |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| Lower                                 | 67.9                   | 19.8                         | 7.3                       | 7.8                           | 3.2                                | 1.8                             | 0.3        | 1.7                                        | 856          |
| Medium                                | 64.6                   | 25.9                         | 4.2                       | 5.1                           | 1.8                                | 5.1                             | 0.8        | 0.9                                        | 440          |
| Higher                                | 68.6                   | 27.2                         | 6.8                       | 2.9                           | 0.7                                | 7.2                             | 4.7        | 2.2                                        | 118          |
| <b>Disability status</b>              |                        |                              |                           |                               |                                    |                                 |            |                                            |              |
| No difficulty                         | 74.4                   | 12.8                         | 5.6                       | 10.6                          | 2.9                                | 3.0                             | 0.8        | 1.1                                        | 490          |
| Some difficulty                       | 62.3                   | 27.4                         | 7.3                       | 4.1                           | 2.1                                | 4.4                             | 1.2        | 2.0                                        | 775          |
| A lot of difficulty                   | 67.1                   | 30.3                         | 2.4                       | 3.3                           | 2.1                                | 2.5                             | 1.1        | 0.3                                        | 130          |
| Cannot do at all***                   | 58.5                   | 41.5                         | 0.0                       | 0.0                           | 0.0                                | 0.0                             | 0.0        | 0.0                                        | (19)         |

\* Percentages do not add to 100% because multiple answers were possible for those who work for money.

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Table 7.4b: Weighted self-reported impact of violence on women's work, among women who did work for money and who reported physical or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

| Self-reported impact on work (N=1393) *     | Work not disrupted (%) | Partner interrupted work (%) | Unable to concentrate (%) | Unable to work/ sick leave (%) | Lost confidence in own ability (%) | Partner stopped her working (%) | Others (%) | N unweighted |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu*</b>                       | 67.8                   | 23.4                         | 6.2                       | 6.2                            | 2.4                                | 3.8                             | 1.1        | 1,393        |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                        |                              |                           |                                |                                    |                                 |            |              |
| Urban                                       | 71.6                   | 26.8                         | 4.1                       | 1.4                            | 1.1                                | 4.4                             | 0.8        | 182          |
| Rural                                       | 67.1                   | 22.8                         | 6.6                       | 7.1                            | 2.6                                | 3.7                             | 1.1        | 1,211        |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                        |                              |                           |                                |                                    |                                 |            |              |
| Torba                                       | 78.0                   | 6.3                          | 10.0                      | 1.7                            | 7.5                                | 5.8                             | 3.3        | 128          |
| Sanma                                       | 64.1                   | 31.8                         | 7.7                       | 3.1                            | 1.9                                | 5.7                             | 0.0        | 207          |
| Penama                                      | 83.0                   | 16.8                         | 0.0                       | 0.2                            | 0.0                                | 0.3                             | 0.0        | 256          |
| Malampa                                     | 63.3                   | 26.4                         | 4.5                       | 8.0                            | 4.9                                | 3.9                             | 0.0        | 221          |
| Shefa                                       | 70.0                   | 29.7                         | 4.2                       | 1.8                            | 0.3                                | 3.1                             | 3.6        | 121          |
| Tafea                                       | 51.8                   | 10.7                         | 15.9                      | 25.8                           | 5.0                                | 4.5                             | 0.8        | 278          |
| Port Vila                                   | 75.7                   | 22.5                         | 4.1                       | 2.7                            | 0.8                                | 6.0                             | 0.0        | 64           |
| Luganville                                  | 66.9                   | 31.9                         | 4.2                       | 0.0                            | 1.5                                | 2.5                             | 1.8        | 118          |
| <b>Religion</b>                             |                        |                              |                           |                                |                                    |                                 |            |              |
| Catholic                                    | 66.5                   | 16.5                         | 9.1                       | 9.7                            | 2.5                                | 2.3                             | 0.0        | 140          |
| Anglican                                    | 74.7                   | 19.7                         | 3.6                       | 1.2                            | 2.1                                | 1.9                             | 1.3        | 233          |
| Assemblies of God                           | 48.9                   | 35.1                         | 13.6                      | 15.9                           | 3.8                                | 6.5                             | 4.7        | 91           |
| Church of Christ                            | 75.9                   | 18.8                         | 0.7                       | 2.0                            | 1.8                                | 2.9                             | 7.3        | 91           |
| Presbyterian                                | 70.2                   | 25.2                         | 6.9                       | 4.7                            | 2.4                                | 4.2                             | 0.0        | 340          |
| Seventh Day Adventist                       | 70.5                   | 23.4                         | 5.5                       | 2.9                            | 2.1                                | 2.7                             | 0.1        | 193          |
| Apostolic                                   | 50.3                   | 31.7                         | 12.8                      | 15.8                           | 0.0                                | 6.2                             | 0.0        | 34           |
| Other Christian                             | 61.8                   | 25.8                         | 4.1                       | 9.5                            | 1.6                                | 5.8                             | 0.7        | 222          |
| Other Non-Christian***                      | 59.8                   | 14.2                         | 18.1                      | 18.8                           | 18.1                               | 0.0                             | 0.0        | (18)         |
| No Religion/No Answer                       | 87.9                   | 9.1                          | 5.9                       | 1.8                            | 3.5                                | 0.7                             | 0.0        | 31           |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                        |                              |                           |                                |                                    |                                 |            |              |
| No education                                | 75.1                   | 11.6                         | 5.1                       | 9.4                            | 3.3                                | 0.6                             | 0.2        | 117          |

| Self-reported impact on work<br>(N=1393) * | Work not<br>disrupted<br>(%) | Partner<br>interrupted<br>work<br>(%) | Unable to<br>concentrate<br>(%) | Unable to work/<br>sick leave (%) | Lost confidence<br>in own ability<br>(%) | Partner stopped<br>her working<br>(%) | Others<br>(%) | N<br>unweighted |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu*</b>                      | 67.8                         | 23.4                                  | 6.2                             | 6.2                               | 2.4                                      | 3.8                                   | 1.1           | 1,393           |
| Primary                                    | 66.9                         | 23.8                                  | 6.7                             | 5.8                               | 2.0                                      | 3.5                                   | 0.5           | 603             |
| Secondary                                  | 67.6                         | 24.7                                  | 5.8                             | 6.4                               | 2.6                                      | 4.2                                   | 0.4           | 645             |
| Higher/Tertiary                            | 66.7                         | 21.0                                  | 9.8                             | 1.1                               | 2.5                                      | 8.0                                   | 26.7          | 28              |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>             |                              |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                          |                                       |               |                 |
| 15-19                                      | 71.3                         | 26.5                                  | 0.0                             | 4.5                               | 1.9                                      | 0.0                                   | 5.4           | 45              |
| 15-17**                                    |                              |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                          |                                       |               |                 |
| 18-19                                      | 86.0                         | 17.0                                  | 0.0                             | 7.5                               | 3.1                                      | 0.0                                   | 2.4           | 31              |
| 20-24                                      | 63.5                         | 21.2                                  | 7.4                             | 10.1                              | 3.8                                      | 0.4                                   | 4.1           | 165             |
| 25-29                                      | 71.8                         | 20.3                                  | 7.5                             | 4.5                               | 1.1                                      | 5.2                                   | 0.9           | 216             |
| 30-34                                      | 63.6                         | 27.7                                  | 8.6                             | 6.4                               | 3.8                                      | 6.0                                   | 0.0           | 249             |
| 35-39                                      | 65.5                         | 25.0                                  | 7.0                             | 6.3                               | 4.3                                      | 4.5                                   | 0.0           | 195             |
| 40-44                                      | 69.7                         | 20.7                                  | 4.6                             | 6.6                               | 1.9                                      | 3.1                                   | 0.3           | 164             |
| 45-49                                      | 71.1                         | 24.3                                  | 9.1                             | 4.4                               | 1.0                                      | 6.9                                   | 0.2           | 108             |
| 50-54                                      | 67.6                         | 21.0                                  | 4.5                             | 5.8                               | 0.5                                      | 5.2                                   | 0.0           | 107             |
| 55-64                                      | 70.3                         | 23.3                                  | 3.8                             | 5.7                               | 1.4                                      | 1.9                                   | 0.0           | 144             |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>               |                              |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                          |                                       |               |                 |
| Lower                                      | 69.0                         | 20.1                                  | 7.5                             | 7.9                               | 3.3                                      | 1.8                                   | 0.3           | 842             |
| Medium                                     | 65.2                         | 26.1                                  | 4.3                             | 5.2                               | 1.8                                      | 5.2                                   | 0.8           | 435             |
| Higher                                     | 70.1                         | 27.8                                  | 6.9                             | 2.9                               | 0.8                                      | 7.3                                   | 4.8           | 116             |
| <b>Disability status</b>                   |                              |                                       |                                 |                                   |                                          |                                       |               |                 |
| No difficulty                              | 75.2                         | 12.9                                  | 5.7                             | 10.7                              | 2.9                                      | 3.1                                   | 0.9           | 483             |
| Some difficulty                            | 63.5                         | 28.0                                  | 7.4                             | 4.2                               | 2.2                                      | 4.5                                   | 1.3           | 762             |
| A lot of difficulty                        | 67.3                         | 30.4                                  | 2.4                             | 3.3                               | 2.1                                      | 2.5                                   | 1.1           | 129             |
| Cannot do at all***                        | 58.5                         | 41.5                                  | 0.0                             | 0.0                               | 0.0                                      | 0.0                                   | 0.0           | (19)            |

\* N is 1414 from Table 7.4a minus 21 respondents who were not working = 1393. Percentages do not add to 100% since multiple responses were possible.

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Table 7.5a: Weighted general, physical and mental health problems reported among ever-partnered women, according to women's experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024 (N unweighted)

|                                                               | Urban / Rural                              |                                                 |                  |                                           |                                            |                                                  |                  |                                            | Total Vanuatu                               |                                                  |              |                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                               | Urban(N=482)                               |                                                 |                  |                                           | Rural (N=2058)                             |                                                  |                  |                                            | Total (N=2540)                              |                                                  |              |                                            |
|                                                               | No<br>phys/sex<br>violence<br>(N=295)<br>% | Physical/<br>sexual<br>violence<br>(N=187)<br>% | P-<br>value<br>* | All<br>partnered<br>women<br>(N=482)<br>% | No<br>phys/sex<br>violence<br>(N=828)<br>% | Physical/<br>sexual<br>violence<br>(N=1230)<br>% | P-<br>value<br>* | All<br>partnered<br>women<br>(N=2058)<br>% | No<br>phys/sex<br>violence<br>(N=1123)<br>% | Physical/<br>sexual<br>violence<br>(N=1417)<br>% | P-value<br>* | All<br>partnered<br>women<br>(N=2540)<br>% |
| General health status                                         |                                            |                                                 |                  |                                           |                                            |                                                  |                  |                                            |                                             |                                                  |              |                                            |
| Good or Excellent                                             | 66.7                                       | 61.0                                            | 0.266            | 64.6                                      | 65.0                                       | 62.5                                             | 0.028            | 63.6                                       | 65.5                                        | 62.3                                             | 0.016        | 63.8                                       |
| Fair                                                          | 28.9                                       | 29.9                                            |                  | 29.2                                      | 32.4                                       | 31.2                                             |                  | 31.7                                       | 31.4                                        | 31.0                                             |              | 31.2                                       |
| Poor or very poor                                             | 4.3                                        | 9.1                                             |                  | 6.1                                       | 2.6                                        | 6.0                                              |                  | 4.5                                        | 3.1                                         | 6.5                                              |              | 4.9                                        |
| Don't know/<br>no answer or<br>refused                        | 0.2                                        | 0.0                                             |                  | 0.1                                       | 0.1                                        | 0.2                                              |                  | 0.2                                        | 0.1                                         | 0.2                                              |              | 0.2                                        |
| Emotional distress in past 4 weeks as measured by Kessler 6** |                                            |                                                 |                  |                                           |                                            |                                                  |                  |                                            |                                             |                                                  |              |                                            |
| 0 to 6                                                        | 79.3                                       | 64.2                                            | 0.007            | 73.7                                      | 81.6                                       | 63.7                                             | <0.001           | 71.5                                       | 80.9                                        | 63.8                                             | <0.001       | 72.0                                       |
| 7 to 12                                                       | 18.6                                       | 29.0                                            |                  | 22.5                                      | 16.0                                       | 28.9                                             |                  | 23.3                                       | 16.8                                        | 28.9                                             |              | 23.1                                       |
| 13 to 18                                                      | 1.8                                        | 6.5                                             |                  | 3.5                                       | 2.4                                        | 7.2                                              |                  | 5.1                                        | 2.3                                         | 7.0                                              |              | 4.8                                        |
| 19 to 24                                                      | 0.2                                        | 0.4                                             |                  | 0.3                                       | 0.0                                        | 0.2                                              |                  | 0.1                                        | 0.1                                         | 0.2                                              |              | 0.1                                        |
| Mean K6+<br>score***<br>[Weighted]                            | 3.2                                        | 5.4                                             | <0.001           | 4.0                                       | 3.2                                        | 5.4                                              | <0.001           | 4.4                                        | 3.2                                         | 5.4                                              | <0.001       | 4.3                                        |
| Mean K6+<br>score***<br>[Unweighted]                          | 2.9                                        | 5.6                                             | <0.001           | 4.0                                       | 3.7                                        | 5.6                                              | <0.001           |                                            | 3.5                                         | 5.6                                              | <0.001       | 4.7                                        |
| Median K6+<br>score***<br>[Unweighted]                        | 1.0                                        | 5.0                                             |                  | 2.0                                       | 3.0                                        | 5.0                                              |                  | 4.0                                        | 2.0                                         | 5.0                                              |              | 4.0                                        |

|                                             | Urban / Rural                              |                                                 |                  |                                           |                                            |                                                  |                  |                                            | Total Vanuatu                               |                                                  |              |                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                             | Urban(N=482)                               |                                                 |                  |                                           | Rural (N=2058)                             |                                                  |                  |                                            | Total (N=2540)                              |                                                  |              |                                            |
|                                             | No<br>phys/sex<br>violence<br>(N=295)<br>% | Physical/<br>sexual<br>violence<br>(N=187)<br>% | P-<br>value<br>* | All<br>partnered<br>women<br>(N=482)<br>% | No<br>phys/sex<br>violence<br>(N=828)<br>% | Physical/<br>sexual<br>violence<br>(N=1230)<br>% | P-<br>value<br>* | All<br>partnered<br>women<br>(N=2058)<br>% | No<br>phys/sex<br>violence<br>(N=1123)<br>% | Physical/<br>sexual<br>violence<br>(N=1417)<br>% | P-value<br>* | All<br>partnered<br>women<br>(N=2540)<br>% |
| Ever thought about suicide                  | 10.0                                       | 20.5                                            | 0.009            | 13.9                                      | 8.2                                        | 21.7                                             | <0.001           | 15.8                                       | 8.7                                         | 21.5                                             | <0.001       | 15.4                                       |
| Ever attempted suicide                      | 5.4                                        | 10.6                                            | 0.115            | 7.3                                       | 3.4                                        | 10.2                                             | <0.001           | 7.3                                        | 4.0                                         | 10.3                                             | <0.001       | 7.3                                        |
| Thought about suicide in the last 12 months | 3.0                                        | 10.9                                            | 0.002            | 5.9                                       | 3.2                                        | 11.1                                             | <0.001           | 7.6                                        | 3.1                                         | 11.1                                             | <0.001       | 7.3                                        |
| Attempted suicide in the last 12 months     | 2.5                                        | 6.4                                             | 0.108            | 3.9                                       | 2.5                                        | 5.8                                              | 0.019            | 4.4                                        | 2.5                                         | 5.9                                              | 0.005        | 4.3                                        |

\* Fisher exact test is used for testing associations; a P value of less than 0.05 is considered to be statistically significant (unlikely to be due to chance).

\*\* Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K6+) is a 6-item self-report measure of psychological distress, where 0 is the minimum score for an answer (none of the time) and 4 is the maximum score (all of the time); there is an overall minimum possible score of 0 and maximum possible score of 24, with more points indicating a higher probability for depression/mental illness.

\*\*\* Note that this is not a percentage but an average score for each of the subgroups.

Table 7.5b: Mental health problems reported among ever-partnered women, according to women's experience of emotional partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

|                                                               | Women with <u>no</u> physical or sexual partner violence |                                   |           |                                                           | Women with physical or sexual partner violence             |                                                                    |           |                                                        | Total ever-partnered women (N= 2540) % |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                               | No Violence^ (N=705) %                                   | Emotional violence only (N=418) % | P-value * | Ever-partnered women without phys/sex violence (N=1123) % | Phys/sex violence <u>without</u> emotional abuse (N=121) % | Physical or sexual violence <u>with</u> emotional abuse (N=1296) % | P-value * | Ever-partnered women with phys/sex violence (N=1417) % |                                        |
| Emotional distress in past 4 weeks as measured by Kessler 6** |                                                          |                                   |           |                                                           |                                                            |                                                                    |           |                                                        |                                        |
| 0 to 6                                                        | 85.3                                                     | 73.0                              | 0.002     | 80.9                                                      | 66.9                                                       | 63.5                                                               | 0.081     | 63.8                                                   | 72.0                                   |
| 7 to 12                                                       | 13.2                                                     | 23.2                              |           | 16.8                                                      | 32.7                                                       | 28.5                                                               |           | 28.9                                                   | 23.1                                   |
| 13 to 18                                                      | 1.4                                                      | 3.8                               |           | 2.3                                                       | 0.4                                                        | 7.7                                                                |           | 7.0                                                    | 4.8                                    |
| 19 to 24                                                      | 0.1                                                      | 0.0                               |           | 0.1                                                       | 0.0                                                        | 0.2                                                                |           | 0.2                                                    | 0.1                                    |
| Mean K6+ score*** [Weighted]                                  | 2.7                                                      | 4.0                               | <0.001    | 3.0                                                       | 4.9                                                        | 5.4                                                                | 0.357     | 5.0                                                    | 4.3                                    |
| Mean K6+ score*** [Unweighted]                                | 3.2                                                      | 4.0                               | 0.002     | 3.5                                                       | 4.9                                                        | 5.7                                                                | 0.063     | 5.6                                                    | 4.7                                    |
| Median K6+ score*** [Unweighted]                              | 2.0                                                      | 2.0                               |           | 2.0                                                       | 5.0                                                        | 5.0                                                                |           | 5.0                                                    | 4.0                                    |
| Ever thought about suicide                                    | 7.1                                                      | 11.5                              | 0.081     | 8.7                                                       | 13.1                                                       | 22.4                                                               | 0.131     | 21.5                                                   | 15.4                                   |
| Ever attempted suicide                                        | 2.7                                                      | 6.4                               | 0.025     | 4.0                                                       | 4.5                                                        | 10.9                                                               | 0.019     | 10.3                                                   | 7.3                                    |
| Thought about suicide in last 12 months                       | 1.3                                                      | 6.3                               | <0.001    | 3.1                                                       | 9.5                                                        | 11.2                                                               | 0.744     | 11.1                                                   | 7.3                                    |
| Attempted suicide in last 12 months                           | 1.1                                                      | 5.1                               | 0.002     | 2.5                                                       | 1.5                                                        | 6.3                                                                | 0.013     | 5.9                                                    | 4.3                                    |

^ For this table, women with 'no violence' did not experience any physical, sexual or emotional violence, hence the N is different compared to Table 7.5a.

\* Fisher exact test is used for testing associations; a P value of less than 0.05 is considered to be statistically significant (unlikely to be due to chance).

\*\* Kessler 6 is a set of 6 questions in a self-reported questionnaire for emotional distress, with more points indicating higher probability for depression/mental illness.

\*\*\* Note that this is not a percentage but an average score for each of the subgroups.

Table 7.6: Other health impacts, including use of health services among ever-partnered women, according to their experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024 (Percent unweighted, N=2540)

|                                                                                                                 | No physical/<br>sexual partner<br>violence<br>(%) | Physical/<br>sexual<br>partner<br>violence<br>(%) | P-value<br>** | All<br>respondents<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Use of health services in the past 4 weeks (n=821)*</b>                                                      | 29.6                                              | 34.5                                              | 0.008         | 32.3                      |
| Consulted a doctor or health worker (n=671)<br>including doctor, nurse, midwife, Aid Post<br>worker, pharmacist | 23.6                                              | 28.7                                              | 0.004         | 26.4                      |
| Consulted someone else (custom doctor,<br>church leader, TBA, counsellor, other) (n=259)                        | 9.4                                               | 10.8                                              | 0.261         | 10.2                      |
| <b>No consultation required</b>                                                                                 | 68.4                                              | 62.3                                              | 0.001         | 65.0                      |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                   |                                                   |               |                           |
| <b>Experienced moderate, severe or extreme<br/>pain or discomfort in the past 4 weeks (n=532)</b>               | 16.6                                              | 24.4                                              | <0.001        | 21.0                      |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                   |                                                   |               |                           |
| <b>Use of services in the past 12 months (n=83)</b>                                                             |                                                   |                                                   |               |                           |
| Had an operation (other than caesarean<br>section)                                                              | 2.8                                               | 3.7                                               | 0.297         | 3.3                       |
| Spent at least on night in a hospital                                                                           | 7.3                                               | 9.8                                               | 0.030         | 8.7                       |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                   |                                                   |               |                           |
| <b>Required medical care or hospitalisation for<br/>suicide attempt in her lifetime (n=21)</b>                  | 0.53                                              | 1.06                                              | <0.001        | 0.83                      |

\*Multiple responses allowed.

\*\* P values of less than 0.05 indicate that the association is statistically significant and unlikely to be due to chance.

Table 7.7: Reproductive health outcomes reported by women, according to their experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024 (percent unweighted, N unweighted)

| a. According to experience of partner violence                                                | No physical/sexual violence (N=1123) (%) | Physical/sexual violence (N=1417) (%) | P-value <sup>^</sup> | All respondents (N=2540) (%) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Pregnancy rate among ever-partnered women (N=2540)</b>                                     |                                          |                                       |                      |                              |
| Ever pregnant                                                                                 | 91.5                                     | 94.4                                  | <b>0.003</b>         | 93.1                         |
| <b>Circumstances of most recent pregnancy for women who delivered in last 5 yrs (N=1086)*</b> |                                          |                                       |                      |                              |
| Pregnancy unwanted or wanted later                                                            | 13.4                                     | 25.7                                  | <b>&lt;0.001</b>     | 20.8                         |
| <b>Reproductive health among those ever pregnant (N= 2349)**</b>                              |                                          |                                       |                      |                              |
| Ever had miscarriage                                                                          | 5.6                                      | 7.3                                   | 0.110                | 6.6                          |
| Ever had stillbirth                                                                           | 2.7                                      | 2.9                                   | 0.801                | 2.8                          |
| Ever had abortion                                                                             | 0.3                                      | 0.2                                   | 1.000                | 0.3                          |
| b. According to experience of violence in pregnancy (N=2317)***                               | No violence in pregnancy (N=2008) (%)    | Violence in pregnancy (N=299) (%)     | P-value*             | All respondents (N=2317) (%) |
| Ever had miscarriage                                                                          | 6.3                                      | 8.7                                   | <b>0.392</b>         | 6.6                          |
| Ever had stillbirth                                                                           | 2.4                                      | 5.4                                   | 0.053                | 2.8                          |
| Ever had abortion                                                                             | 0.3                                      | 0.0                                   | 1.000                | 0.3                          |

<sup>^</sup> Fisher exact two tailed test is used for the P value for comparing women who did experience physical and/or sexual partner violence, and those who did not. P values of less than 0.05 indicate that the association is statistically significant and unlikely to be due to chance.

\* 739 respondents indicated that they were pregnant in the past 5 years when answering question 406. However, 1086 women answered question 407 on whether or not they wanted their last pregnancy. These respondents are included in Table 7.7a.

\*\*The number of ever-pregnant respondents is 2365. Of these, N=2349 answered these questions.

\*\*\* Of the 2349 respondents who answered questions on reproductive health, 2317 answered questions on intimate partner violence during pregnancy, and 32 did not; 10 of the 2317 who answered don't know are included in the denominator.

Table 7.8: Factors related to the last pregnancy, among women with live birth in the past 5 years, according to the women's experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

|                                            | No physical &/or sexual partner violence (N= 432) (%) | With physical &/or sexual partner violence (N=654) (%) | P-value* | All women (N=1086)** (%) |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Partner did not want this pregnancy        | 9.0                                                   | 14.2                                                   | 0.010    | 12.2                     |
| Partner wanted a son                       | 32.9                                                  | 40.4                                                   | 0.013    | 37.4                     |
| Postnatal check-up not done                | 28.0                                                  | 21.4                                                   | 0.013    | 24.0                     |
| Ante-natal check not done                  | 3.5                                                   | 1.7                                                    | 0.069    | 2.4                      |
| Husband/partner prevented ante-natal check | 1.9                                                   | 1.7                                                    | 0.818    | 1.8                      |

\* Fisher exact two tailed test is used for the P value for comparing women who did experience physical and/or sexual partner violence, and those who did not. P values of less than 0.05 indicate that the association is statistically significant and unlikely to be due to chance.

\*\* 739 respondents indicated that they were pregnant in the past 5 years, when answering question 406. However, 1086 women answered question 407 on whether or not they wanted their last pregnancy. These respondents are included in Table 7.8.



Table 7.9a: Weighted use of contraception reported by women, and acts of reproductive coercion in their lifetime, according to women's experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

| Among all ever-partnered women who ever had sex (N=2538)**                                                                                   | No physical/<br>sexual<br>partner<br>violence<br>(%) | Physical<br>/ sexual<br>partner<br>violence<br>(%) | P-value*         | All<br>respondents<br>(%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Use of contraception among all ever-partnered women who ever had sex</b>                                                                  |                                                      |                                                    |                  |                           |
| Ever using a method to prevent/delay pregnancy                                                                                               | 32.7                                                 | 45.8                                               | <0.001           | 39.6                      |
| Currently using a method to prevent/delay pregnancy                                                                                          | 17.6                                                 | 22.1                                               | 0.053            | 20.0                      |
| <b>Acts of reproductive coercion among all ever-partnered women who ever had sex</b>                                                         |                                                      |                                                    |                  |                           |
| Husband/partner has ever refused/stopped contraception                                                                                       | 4.2                                                  | 12.9                                               | <0.001           | 8.7                       |
| Husband/partner ever <u>prevented</u> termination of pregnancy                                                                               | 8.5                                                  | 14.1                                               | 0.003            | 11.4                      |
| Husband/partner ever <u>forced her to become pregnant</u> when she did not want to, or in a way that could not be refused or caused fear     | 1.2                                                  | 5.8                                                | <0.001           | 3.6                       |
| Husband/partner ever <u>forced termination of a pregnancy</u> when she did not want to, or in a way that could not be refused or caused fear | 0.6                                                  | 1.2                                                | 0.142            | 0.9                       |
| <b>Any act of reproductive coercion in the lifetime</b>                                                                                      | <b>9.4</b>                                           | <b>18.1</b>                                        | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | <b>14.0</b>               |

\* Pearson adjusted chi-square test used for P value for the difference between women who did and who did not experience physical and/or sexual partner violence. P values of less than 0.05 indicate that the association is statistically significant and unlikely to be due to chance.

\*\* Two ever-partnered respondents were not asked these questions.

Table 7.9b: Forced termination and pregnancy in the past 12 months, according to women's experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

| Among all ever-partnered women who ever had sex (N=2538)**                                                                                                    | No physical/<br>sexual<br>partner<br>violence<br>(%) | Physical/<br>sexual<br>partner<br>violence<br>(%) | P-<br>value* | All<br>respondents<br>(%) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Husband/partner <u>prevented</u> termination of pregnancy in the past 12 months                                                                               | 2.9                                                  | 4.7                                               | 0.019        | 3.8                       |
| Husband/partner <u>forced her to become pregnant</u> when she did not want to, or in a way that could not be refused or caused fear in the past 12 months     | 0.3                                                  | 2.5                                               | <0.001       | 1.4                       |
| Husband/partner <u>forced termination of a pregnancy</u> when she did not want to, or in a way that could not be refused or caused fear in the past 12 months | 0.0                                                  | 0.1                                               | 0.243        | 0.0                       |

\* Pearson adjusted chi-square test used for P value for the difference between women who did and who did not experience physical and/or sexual partner violence. P values of less than 0.05 indicate that the association is statistically significant and unlikely to be due to chance.

\*\* Two ever-partnered respondents were not asked these questions.



|                                | Told her he didn't approve (%) | Shouted or got angry (%) | Threat to beat her (%) | Threat to leave home or throw her out of home (%) | Beat her/ physical violence (%) | Took or destroyed contraception (%) | Told his or her relatives (%) | Told chief (%) | Threat to get another woman (%) | Got another woman (%) | Left home temporarily (%) | Threat to desert her, or did desert her (%) | Other (%) | N unweighted |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 88.5                           | 9.5                      | 6.3                    | 0.7                                               | 2.5                             | 2.0                                 | 1.7                           | 0.0            | 1.3                             | 0.5                   | 0.2                       | 0.0                                         | 7.4       | 190          |
| No education*                  | 100.0                          | 9.5                      | 6.1                    | 0.0                                               | 5.6                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 0.0       | (10)         |
| Primary                        | 93.7                           | 5.1                      | 5.7                    | 0.0                                               | 2.6                             | 3.1                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.6                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 5.1       | 66           |
| Secondary                      | 85.9                           | 12.8                     | 5.2                    | 1.2                                               | 2.4                             | 1.7                                 | 3.0                           | 0.0            | 1.8                             | 0.9                   | 0.3                       | 0.0                                         | 9.8       | 109          |
| Higher/Tertiary*               | 75.0                           | 0.0                      | 25.1                   | 0.0                                               | 0.0                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 0.0       | (5)          |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                |                          |                        |                                                   |                                 |                                     |                               |                |                                 |                       |                           |                                             |           |              |
| 15-19*                         | 100.0                          | 0.0                      | 0.0                    | 0.0                                               | 0.0                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 0.0       | (6)          |
| 20-24                          | 89.6                           | 17.8                     | 4.9                    | 0.0                                               | 1.5                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 8.4       | 40           |
| 25-29                          | 80.8                           | 5.4                      | 15.4                   | 1.6                                               | 1.7                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 9.0       | 30           |
| 30-34                          | 81.5                           | 10.0                     | 4.6                    | 2.2                                               | 5.7                             | 4.0                                 | 2.2                           | 0.0            | 3.3                             | 2.3                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 14.9      | 43           |
| 35-39*                         | 76.6                           | 4.8                      | 2.8                    | 0.0                                               | 2.5                             | 7.8                                 | 16.9                          | 0.0            | 2.8                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 3.4       | (19)         |
| 40-44                          | 100.0                          | 2.6                      | 9.9                    | 0.0                                               | 0.0                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 3.5                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 3.0       | 23           |
| 45-49*                         | 96.2                           | 9.3                      | 10.1                   | 0.0                                               | 6.4                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 2.9                       | 0.0                                         | 3.8       | (14)         |
| 50-54*                         | 96.3                           | 9.6                      | 3.7                    | 0.0                                               | 0.0                             | 9.6                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 0.0       | (9)          |
| 55-64*                         | 100.0                          | 7.7                      | 0.0                    | 0.0                                               | 0.0                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 0.0       | (6)          |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                                |                          |                        |                                                   |                                 |                                     |                               |                |                                 |                       |                           |                                             |           |              |
| Lower                          | 85.4                           | 5.2                      | 9.2                    | 0.5                                               | 3.2                             | 2.7                                 | 3.0                           | 0.0            | 1.1                             | 0.6                   | 0.5                       | 0.0                                         | 8.4       | 101          |
| Medium                         | 90.1                           | 21.1                     | 5.6                    | 1.4                                               | 1.9                             | 2.6                                 | 1.4                           | 0.0            | 2.3                             | 0.7                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 4.3       | 63           |
| Higher                         | 91.5                           | 0.0                      | 2.1                    | 0.0                                               | 2.1                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 10.2      | 26           |
| <b>Disability status</b>       |                                |                          |                        |                                                   |                                 |                                     |                               |                |                                 |                       |                           |                                             |           |              |
| No difficulty                  | 98.1                           | 18.1                     | 3.6                    | 0.6                                               | 0.6                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.8                   | 0.6                       | 0.0                                         | 0.6       | 63           |
| Some difficulty                | 81.6                           | 6.5                      | 7.8                    | 0.9                                               | 3.4                             | 3.9                                 | 3.3                           | 0.0            | 2.4                             | 0.5                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 11.9      | 108          |
| A lot of difficulty*           | 92.8                           | 0.0                      | 7.9                    | 0.0                                               | 4.2                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 5.5       | (14)         |
| Cannot do at all*              | 81.4                           | 0.0                      | 0.0                    | 0.0                                               | 0.0                             | 0.0                                 | 0.0                           | 0.0            | 0.0                             | 0.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.0                                         | 18.6      | (5)          |

\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.

Table 8.1: Children's well-being as reported by women with children 6-14 years old, according to the women's experience of physical and/or sexual partner violence (weighted), Vanuatu 2024 (N=1354)

| <i>Proportion of women reporting that at least one of her children (aged 6-14 years) had the following:</i> | No Violence<br>(N=554)<br>(%) | With physical or sexual partner violence<br>(N=800)<br>(%) | P-value*         | All women<br>(N=1354 unweighted)<br>(%) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Nightmares                                                                                                  | 35.8                          | 49.2                                                       | 0.000            | 43.4                                    |
| Bedwetting                                                                                                  | 17.0                          | 24.5                                                       | 0.014            | 21.3                                    |
| Child quiet / withdrawn                                                                                     | 30.3                          | 38.0                                                       | 0.067            | 34.7                                    |
| Child aggressive                                                                                            | 45.5                          | 63.0                                                       | <0.001           | 55.4                                    |
| <b>Two or more of above problems</b>                                                                        | <b>39.9</b>                   | <b>56.1</b>                                                | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | <b>49.1</b>                             |
|                                                                                                             |                               |                                                            |                  |                                         |
| Child run away from home                                                                                    | 7.2                           | 14.3                                                       | 0.001            | 11.25                                   |
| Child has failed / had to repeat a year at school                                                           | 14.4                          | 28.2                                                       | <0.001           | 22.2                                    |
| Child has stopped school / dropped out of school                                                            | 7.8                           | 17.2                                                       | <0.001           | 13.1                                    |

\*Chi-square test used to compare the difference between women who experienced physical and/or sexual violence and who did not experience physical and/or sexual partner violence

Table 8.2a: Children witnessing the violence, among women who ever experienced physical partner violence and have children (weighted), Vanuatu 2024 (N=1186)

|                              | By urban/rural area     |                          | By location             |                         |                          |                           |                        |                         |                            |                             | Vanuatu                                |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                              | Urban<br>(N=150)<br>(%) | Rural<br>(N=1036)<br>(%) | Torba<br>(N=111)<br>(%) | Sanma<br>(N=181)<br>(%) | Penama<br>(N=212)<br>(%) | Malampa<br>(N=197)<br>(%) | Shefa<br>(N=99)<br>(%) | Tafea<br>(N=236)<br>(%) | Port Vila<br>(N=55)<br>(%) | Luganville<br>(N=95)<br>(%) | Total<br>unweighted<br>(N=1186)<br>(%) |
| Never                        | 56.5                    | 46.9                     | 47.8                    | 42.8                    | 62.9                     | 44.4                      | 50.3                   | 34.6                    | 51.2                       | 63.6                        | 48.2                                   |
| Once or twice                | 18.2                    | 30.8                     | 29.8                    | 27.0                    | 21.3                     | 38.3                      | 32.0                   | 34.7                    | 17.9                       | 18.6                        | 29.1                                   |
| Sometimes                    | 19.1                    | 15.8                     | 12.6                    | 19.2                    | 10.1                     | 13.0                      | 9.4                    | 29.3                    | 27.4                       | 8.2                         | 16.3                                   |
| Many times/ most of the time | 6.2                     | 6.4                      | 9.8                     | 11.0                    | 5.3                      | 4.3                       | 8.2                    | 1.4                     | 3.6                        | 9.6                         | 6.4                                    |
| Don't know, refuse           | 0.0                     | 0.1                      | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.5                      | 0.0                       | 0.0                    | 0.0                     | 0.0                        | 0.0                         | 0.1                                    |

Table 8.2b: Children also beaten during the violence, among women who ever experienced physical partner violence (weighted), Vanuatu 2024

|                              | By urban/rural area     |                          | By location             |                         |                          |                           |                        |                         |                            |                             | Vanuatu                                |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                              | Urban<br>(N=150)<br>(%) | Rural<br>(N=1036)<br>(%) | Torba<br>(N=111)<br>(%) | Sanma<br>(N=181)<br>(%) | Penama<br>(N=212)<br>(%) | Malampa<br>(N=197)<br>(%) | Shefa<br>(N=99)<br>(%) | Tafea<br>(N=236)<br>(%) | Port Vila<br>(N=55)<br>(%) | Luganville<br>(N=95)<br>(%) | Total<br>unweighted<br>(N=1186)<br>(%) |
| Never                        | 84.2                    | 85.8                     | 88.4                    | 82.9                    | 84.6                     | 84.6                      | 84.4                   | 92.5                    | 80.6                       | 89.0                        | 85.6                                   |
| Once or twice                | 12.0                    | 7.9                      | 7.6                     | 6.1                     | 11.3                     | 7.2                       | 10.6                   | 4.4                     | 15.8                       | 6.8                         | 8.5                                    |
| Sometimes                    | 2.5                     | 4.4                      | 2.5                     | 4.6                     | 3.5                      | 7.4                       | 4.3                    | 2.8                     | 1.3                        | 4.2                         | 4.2                                    |
| Many times/ most of the time | 1.3                     | 1.7                      | 1.5                     | 6.4                     | 0.6                      | 0.9                       | 0.3                    | 0.0                     | 2.3                        | 0.0                         | 1.6                                    |
| Don't know, refuse           | 0.0                     | 0.1                      | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                      | 0.0                       | 0.4                    | 0.0                     | 0.0                        | 0.0                         | 0.1                                    |

Table 8.3: Weighted percentage of respondents reporting physical violence against her mother, against her partner's mother or against her partner when he was a child, among ever-partnered women, according to women's experience of partner violence, Vanuatu 2024

| Proportion of women who reported that...           |                                                                        |                    |                                                                               |                    |                                                                         |                    |                                                       |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                    | Her mother was hit<br>by mother's husband/<br>partner (N=2536)*<br>(%) | P-<br>value<br>*** | Respondent<br>experienced<br>physical violence<br>as a child<br>(N=2536)* (%) | P-<br>value<br>*** | Partner's mother<br>was hit by<br>mother's husband<br>(N=2538)**<br>(%) | P-<br>value<br>*** | Partner<br>was hit as<br>a child<br>(N=2538)**<br>(%) | P-<br>value<br>*** |
| According to all ever-partnered women              | 46.0                                                                   |                    | 74.4                                                                          |                    | 16.6                                                                    |                    | 18.7                                                  |                    |
| According to experience of partner violence        |                                                                        |                    |                                                                               |                    |                                                                         |                    |                                                       |                    |
| Not experienced any partner sex/phys violence      | 36.9                                                                   | <0.001             | 63.9                                                                          | <0.001             | 10.3                                                                    | <0.001             | 9.2                                                   | <0.001             |
| Ever experienced physical or sexual violence       | 54.4                                                                   |                    | 83.9                                                                          |                    | 22.8                                                                    |                    | 27.3                                                  |                    |
| According to type of partner violence              |                                                                        |                    |                                                                               |                    |                                                                         |                    |                                                       |                    |
| No violence                                        | 36.9                                                                   | <0.001             | 63.9                                                                          | <0.001             | 10.3                                                                    | <0.001             | 9.2                                                   | <0.001             |
| Sexual only                                        | 51.1                                                                   |                    | 84.4                                                                          |                    | 14.2                                                                    |                    | 21.6                                                  |                    |
| Physical only                                      | 50.5                                                                   |                    | 78.7                                                                          |                    | 17.9                                                                    |                    | 20.9                                                  |                    |
| Both sexual and physical                           | 60.0                                                                   |                    | 90.3                                                                          |                    | 30.0                                                                    |                    | 37.0                                                  |                    |
| According to severity of physical partner violence |                                                                        |                    |                                                                               |                    |                                                                         |                    |                                                       |                    |
| No physical violence                               | 38.3                                                                   | <0.001             | 66.0                                                                          | <0.001             | 10.7                                                                    | <0.001             | 10.4                                                  | <0.001             |
| Moderate physical violence                         | 52.4                                                                   |                    | 81.8                                                                          |                    | 15.3                                                                    |                    | 19.0                                                  |                    |
| Severe physical violence                           | 55.4                                                                   |                    | 84.5                                                                          |                    | 25.6                                                                    |                    | 30.7                                                  |                    |

\* There were 2544 ever-partnered women; 2540 completed all the questions on intimate partner violence. N=2536 for this table because 4 women ceased the questionnaire at various points and before these questions were asked (in section 10 of the questionnaire).

\*\* N=2538 because 2 of the 2540 women who completed questions on intimate partner violence didn't answer these questions (in section 5 of the questionnaire).

\*\*\* P-values use chi-square tests to compare the prevalence of no violence with the experience of partner violence across all categories of violence type for each indicator. However, these p-values only indicate whether there is an overall difference; they do not identify which specific pairwise comparisons between types of violence drive the differences in prevalence.

Table 9.1: Weighted percentage of women who had told others, and persons they told about the violence, among women experiencing physical or sexual partner violence (N=1414)\*, Vanuatu 2024

| <i>People told**</i>                                       | <b>Number unweighted</b> | <b>%</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| No one                                                     | 544                      | 37.0     |
| Friends                                                    | 258                      | 18.9     |
| Parents                                                    | 367                      | 25.9     |
| Brother or sister                                          | 167                      | 12.0     |
| Uncle or aunt                                              | 55                       | 3.1      |
| Husband/partner's family                                   | 132                      | 9.2      |
| Her family                                                 | 164                      | 12.6     |
| Children                                                   | 21                       | 3.0      |
| Neighbours                                                 | 110                      | 7.4      |
| Police                                                     | 28                       | 2.5      |
| Doctor/health worker*                                      | (7)                      | 0.9      |
| Church leader                                              | 58                       | 3.1      |
| Counsellor from VWC Network                                | 37                       | 3.1      |
| Other Counsellor                                           | (0)                      | 0.0      |
| Non-government organisation (NGO)/women's organisation     | (0)                      | 0.0      |
| Chief                                                      | 123                      | 6.8      |
| Other community leader***                                  | (6)                      | 0.3      |
| Authorised person under the Family Protection Act (FPA)*** | (2)                      | 0.1      |
| Other ***                                                  | (13)                     | 1.2      |

\* N=1414 because 3 of the 1417 respondents who experienced physical or sexual partner violence had ceased the interview before this section of the questionnaire (section 9).

\*\* More than one answer could be given (if the respondent did not answer no-one), therefore, the total percentage is greater than 100%. Note that no respondents mentioned other counsellors or other non-government organisations or women's organisations, although these were provided as response options in the questionnaire.

\*\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.



Table 9.2: Weighted percentage of women who mentioned they would have liked more help, and from whom, among women experiencing physical or sexual partner violence (N=1414\*, unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| <i>Wanted more help from... **</i>                         | By urban/rural area |                    | By location       |                   |                    |                     |                   |                   |                      |                        | Total Vanuatu     |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                                                            | Urban (N=185) (%)   | Rural (N=1229) (%) | Torba (N=129) (%) | Sanma (N=210) (%) | Penama (N=256) (%) | Malampa (N=221) (%) | Shefa (N=123) (%) | Tafea (N=290) (%) | Port Vila (N=65) (%) | Luganville (N=120) (%) | Number unweighted | Total (N=1414) (%) |
| No one                                                     | 58.9                | 48.6               | 22.8              | 58.2              | 55.2               | 43.6                | 55.6              | 36.5              | 53.4                 | 65.1                   | 651               | 50.1               |
| Her family                                                 | 23.7                | 33.0               | 66.4              | 26.4              | 27.9               | 33.7                | 28.0              | 39.7              | 20.5                 | 27.3                   | 505               | 31.6               |
| His family                                                 | 4.1                 | 9.8                | 19.7              | 2.3               | 12.2               | 14.2                | 12.2              | 5.0               | 4.6                  | 3.5                    | 124               | 9.0                |
| Friends/neighbours                                         | 1.1                 | 5.3                | 3.5               | 2.5               | 5.4                | 12.5                | 2.0               | 5.9               | 0.8                  | 1.4                    | 77                | 4.7                |
| Health centre/ Aid Post/ Hospital***                       | 0.0                 | 0.4                | 0.0               | 0.8               | 0.0                | 0.7                 | 0.5               | 0.0               | 0.0                  | 0.0                    | (4)               | 0.3                |
| Police                                                     | 5.0                 | 4.3                | 8.8               | 4.4               | 0.9                | 3.9                 | 4.4               | 5.9               | 7.0                  | 2.6                    | 54                | 4.4                |
| Public solicitor/lawyers***                                | 2.2                 | 0.1                | 0.3               | 0.7               | 0.0                | 0.0                 | 0.0               | 0.0               | 4.1                  | 0.0                    | (3)               | 0.4                |
| Chief/custom court                                         | 6.8                 | 11.6               | 14.2              | 6.6               | 4.2                | 11.1                | 7.1               | 29.2              | 12.6                 | 0.2                    | 171               | 10.9               |
| Authorised person under the Family Protection Act (FPA)*** | 0.0                 | 0.3                | 0.0               | 1.1               | 0.0                | 0.3                 | 0.3               | 0.0               | 0.0                  | 0.0                    | (5)               | 0.3                |
| Church leader                                              | 3.0                 | 8.3                | 18.3              | 6.0               | 2.2                | 9.3                 | 5.4               | 16.2              | 5.4                  | 0.3                    | 125               | 7.5                |
| Other community leader***                                  | 0.0                 | 0.1                | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0                | 0.0                 | 0.3               | 0.0               | 0.0                  | 0.0                    | (1)               | 0.1                |
| VWC Network                                                | 4.4                 | 2.8                | 11.3              | 5.7               | 0.0                | 1.8                 | 0.2               | 3.7               | 6.3                  | 2.3                    | 41                | 3.0                |
| Other***                                                   | 0.6                 | 0.5                | 2.7               | 0.0               | 0.5                | 0.4                 | 0.0               | 0.9               | 0.0                  | 1.2                    | (8)               | 0.5                |

\* N=1414 because 3 of the 1417 respondents who experienced physical or sexual partner violence had ceased the interview before this section of the questionnaire (section 9).

\*\* More than one answer could be given (if the respondent did not answer no-one), therefore, the total percentage is greater than 100%.

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Table 9.3: Weighted percentage of women who sought help from agencies/persons in authority, and their satisfaction with the support received, among women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence (N=1414\*, unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

|                                                            | Who women went to for support** |                                                                               |                                                                                                  | Satisfied with support received (among those they went to for support) |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
|                                                            | Number unweighted               | % Among women who experienced sexual or physical violence (N=1414 unweighted) | % Among women who experienced sexual or physical violence and who sought help (N=434 unweighted) | Number unweighted                                                      | %     |
| Not ever gone anywhere for help                            | 980                             | 71.1                                                                          |                                                                                                  | --                                                                     | --    |
| Police                                                     | 101                             | 9.0                                                                           | 31.1                                                                                             | 86                                                                     | 87.7  |
| Hospital, health centre, Aid Post                          | 32                              | 3.0                                                                           | 10.5                                                                                             | 31                                                                     | 98.1  |
| Public solicitor, lawyers***                               | (7)                             | 0.7                                                                           | 2.4                                                                                              | (7)                                                                    | 100.0 |
| Court                                                      | 11                              | 0.8                                                                           | 2.9                                                                                              | (9)                                                                    | 82.3  |
| Authorised person under the Family Protection Act (FPA)*** | (6)                             | 0.4                                                                           | 1.3                                                                                              | (6)                                                                    | 100.0 |
| Chief/custom court                                         | 241                             | 13.7                                                                          | 47.5                                                                                             | 221                                                                    | 90.5  |
| Church leader                                              | 124                             | 8.0                                                                           | 27.6                                                                                             | 120                                                                    | 96.6  |
| Other community leader***                                  | (7)                             | 0.4                                                                           | 1.5                                                                                              | (5)                                                                    | 68.8  |
| VWC Network                                                | 70                              | 5.4                                                                           | 18.8                                                                                             | 65                                                                     | 91.6  |
| Other counselling service***                               | (5)                             | 0.2                                                                           | 0.8                                                                                              | (5)                                                                    | 100.0 |
| Anywhere else***                                           | (6)                             | 0.5                                                                           | 1.6                                                                                              | (5)                                                                    | 81.2  |

\* N=1414 because 3 of the 1417 respondents who experienced physical or sexual partner violence had ceased the interview before this section of the questionnaire (section 9).

\*\*Multiple responses were possible (for those who had gone somewhere for support) so percentages total more than 100%. FPA – Family Protection Act.

\*\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.

Table 9.4: Main reasons for seeking support from agencies, as mentioned by women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who did seek help (% weighted, N=434 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| <b>Reason for seeking support *</b>    | <b>Number unweighted</b> | <b>%</b> |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Encouraged by friends/her family       | 114                      | 24.5     |
| Encouraged by his family               | 58                       | 14.5     |
| Had information about where to go      | 129                      | 36.0     |
| Aware of her rights                    | 108                      | 30.1     |
| Knew other women who had been helped** | (19)                     | 5.2      |
| Could not take any more                | 166                      | 35.6     |
| Badly injured                          | 39                       | 10.7     |
| He threatened or tried to kill her     | 29                       | 6.0      |
| He threatened or hit children**        | (13)                     | 3.4      |
| Saw that children were suffering       | 35                       | 9.5      |
| Thrown out of the home**               | (9)                      | 3.1      |
| Afraid she would kill him              | 20                       | 3.7      |
| Afraid he would kill her               | 73                       | 15.6     |
| Afraid of more violence                | 65                       | 13.9     |
| Other**                                | (17)                     | 4.3      |

\* Multiple responses were possible, so percentages total more than 100%.

\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.

Table 9.5: Main reasons for not seeking support from agencies, as mentioned by women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who did not seek help (% weighted, N=980 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| <b>Reason for not seeking support *</b>                                   | <b>Number unweighted</b> | <b>%</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Don't know/no answer                                                      | 286                      | 26.4     |
| Fear of threats/consequences/ more violence                               | 99                       | 9.4      |
| He stopped her from seeking help**                                        | (17)                     | 1.2      |
| He threatened to kill her                                                 | 150                      | 13.4     |
| Violence normal/not serious                                               | 23                       | 1.9      |
| Embarrassed/ashamed/afraid she would not be believed or would be blamed** | (8)                      | 1.3      |
| Believed there was no help/knew other women who were not helped           | 116                      | 10.8     |
| Afraid he would end the relationship                                      | 146                      | 11.6     |
| Afraid she would lose the children                                        | 81                       | 6.6      |
| Afraid it would bring a bad name to family                                | 105                      | 10.9     |
| Did not know where to go/no options                                       | 110                      | 16.7     |
| Other                                                                     | 117                      | 13.0     |

\* Multiple responses were possible, so percentages total more than 100%.

\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.

Table 9.6a: Weighted percentage of women who ever left home because of violence, among women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who had lived with a male partner, Vanuatu 2024 (N=1388 unweighted)\*

|                                                              | By urban/rural area     |                          | By location             |                         |                          |                           |                         |                         |                            |                              | Total Vanuatu        |                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                              | Urban<br>(N=176)<br>(%) | Rural<br>(N=1212)<br>(%) | Torba<br>(N=128)<br>(%) | Sanma<br>(N=208)<br>(%) | Penama<br>(N=256)<br>(%) | Malampa<br>(N=216)<br>(%) | Shefa<br>(N=121)<br>(%) | Tafea<br>(N=283)<br>(%) | Port Vila<br>(N=64)<br>(%) | Luganville<br>(N=112)<br>(%) | Number<br>unweighted | Total<br>(N=1388)<br>(%) |
| <b>Ever left home because of violence</b>                    | 50.0                    | 41.8                     | 47.2                    | 46.5                    | 38.1                     | 39.3                      | 41.4                    | 41.8                    | 39.9                       | 63.3                         | 613                  | 43.0                     |
| <b>Number of times leaving home</b>                          |                         |                          |                         |                         |                          |                           |                         |                         |                            |                              |                      |                          |
| Never                                                        | 48.8                    | 57.7                     | 52.8                    | 53.1                    | 61.9                     | 60.2                      | 57.7                    | 57.7                    | 58.1                       | 36.7                         | 775                  | 56.4                     |
| Once                                                         | 22.2                    | 16.5                     | 18.8                    | 17.7                    | 17.5                     | 18.3                      | 17.3                    | 10.6                    | 13.7                       | 33.4                         | 256                  | 17.3                     |
| 2 - 5 times                                                  | 27.8                    | 25.4                     | 28.3                    | 29.1                    | 20.6                     | 20.9                      | 24.1                    | 31.2                    | 26.2                       | 29.9                         | 352                  | 25.7                     |
| Don't know / remember                                        | 1.2                     | 0.4                      | 0.0                     | 0.2                     | 0.0                      | 0.5                       | 0.9                     | 0.5                     | 2.1                        | 0.0                          | 5                    | 0.5                      |
| <b>Permanently left (among women who ever left N=613)***</b> | 2.4                     | 2.2                      | 0.0                     | 4.0                     | 0.0                      | 1.3                       | 1.1                     | 4.9                     | 2.1                        | 2.6                          | (14)                 | 2.2                      |
| <b>Mean number of days away last time**</b>                  | 11.2                    | 16.6                     | 11.5                    | 12.7                    | 29.3                     | 11.3                      | 15.9                    | 18.2                    | 16.3                       | 6.7                          | 599                  | 15.7                     |
| <b>Where she went last time? (N=613)</b>                     |                         |                          |                         |                         |                          |                           |                         |                         |                            |                              |                      |                          |
| Her relatives                                                | 81.0                    | 79.9                     | 86.2                    | 82.7                    | 85.4                     | 64.7                      | 74.1                    | 91.9                    | 82.8                       | 79.5                         | 503                  | 80.1                     |
| His relatives                                                | 4.5                     | 5.4                      | 3.1                     | 5.0                     | 3.0                      | 9.8                       | 8.0                     | 1.3                     | 7.0                        | 2.3                          | 29                   | 5.3                      |
| Her friends/neighbours                                       | 6.9                     | 4.9                      | 2.3                     | 2.2                     | 7.0                      | 10.4                      | 5.6                     | 1.4                     | 4.3                        | 9.1                          | 33                   | 5.3                      |
| Hotel/Lodgings***                                            | 1.2                     | 0.0                      | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                      | 0.0                       | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                        | 2.3                          | (2)                  | 0.2                      |
| Street                                                       | 4.2                     | 3.0                      | 0.0                     | 1.9                     | 4.1                      | 11.7                      | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 5.9                        | 2.8                          | 20                   | 3.2                      |
| Chief***                                                     | 0.0                     | 0.9                      | 1.4                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                      | 0.6                       | 0.0                     | 4.0                     | 0.0                        | 0.0                          | (5)                  | 0.7                      |
| Church Leader***                                             | 0.0                     | 0.3                      | 4.3                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                      | 0.0                       | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                        | 0.0                          | (1)                  | 0.2                      |
| VWC Network***                                               | 0.3                     | 0.2                      | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                      | 0.0                       | 0.0                     | 1.3                     | 0.0                        | 0.6                          | (3)                  | 0.2                      |
| Other / Refused***                                           | 1.9                     | 5.3                      | 2.7                     | 8.3                     | 0.5                      | 2.8                       | 12.3                    | 0.0                     | 0.0                        | 3.5                          | (17)                 | 4.7                      |

\* Of the 1417 respondents who experienced physical/sexual partner violence, 26 were not living with their partner and are excluded from the analysis; 3 women ceased the interview before this question.

\*\* Note that this is not a percentage but an average number of days for each of the subgroups.

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Table 9.6b: Weighted percentage of women who took some or all of their children when they left home because of violence, among women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who have ever left home and are with a living child, Vanuatu 2024 (N=563, unweighted)

|                                                                 | By urban/rural area |                   | Total Vanuatu     |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                 | Urban (N=83) (%)    | Rural (N=480) (%) | Number unweighted | Total (N=563) (%) |
| <b>Number of children she took, the last time she left home</b> |                     |                   |                   |                   |
| All children                                                    | 47.2                | 38.9              | 228               | 40.3              |
| Some children                                                   | 11.6                | 17.7              | 107               | 16.7              |
| None of children                                                | 36.1                | 34.6              | 179               | 34.9              |
| Had no children                                                 | 5.1                 | 8.8               | 49                | 8.2               |
| <b>Reasons for not taking any/all of children (N=286)*</b>      |                     |                   |                   |                   |
| Children not home at the time                                   | 12.6                | 24.5              | 63                | 22.6              |
| Prevented from taking children                                  | 40.4                | 33.3              | 104               | 34.4              |
| Children refused to leave                                       | 9.2                 | 17.5              | 45                | 16.2              |
| No transport to take children                                   | 8.6                 | 6.5               | 28                | 6.8               |
| Other reasons                                                   | 29.2                | 23.1              | 58                | 24.0              |

\* Multiple responses were possible, so percentages total more than 100%.

Table 9.7: Main reasons for leaving home the last time she left, as mentioned by women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who left home (% weighted, N=613 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| <b>Reasons for leaving home *</b>  | <b>Number unweighted</b> | <b>%</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| No particular incident             | 22                       | 3.4      |
| Encouraged by friends/her family   | 58                       | 8.1      |
| Encouraged by his family           | 28                       | 4.6      |
| Had information about where to go  | 122                      | 20.4     |
| Aware of her rights                | 107                      | 19.3     |
| Knew other women had been helped** | (13)                     | 1.1      |
| Could not take any more            | 280                      | 44.9     |
| Badly injured                      | 51                       | 11.3     |
| He threatened or tried to kill her | 53                       | 9.9      |
| He threatened or hit children**    | (8)                      | 1.1      |
| Saw that children suffering**      | (19)                     | 2.9      |
| Thrown out of the home**           | (16)                     | 2.5      |
| Afraid she would kill him          | 27                       | 4.7      |
| Afraid he would kill her           | 162                      | 27.8     |
| Other                              | 36                       | 6.4      |

\* Multiple responses were possible, so percentages total more than 100%.

\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.

Table 9.8: Main reasons for returning, as mentioned by women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence, who left home and returned (% weighted, N=613 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| <i>Reasons for returning *</i>                                         | <b>Number unweighted</b> | <b>%</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Didn't want to leave the children                                      | 185                      | 27.5     |
| Sanctity of marriage                                                   | 103                      | 15.0     |
| For sake of the family/children (family honour)                        | 24                       | 5.5      |
| Couldn't support the children**                                        | (16)                     | 2.4      |
| Loved him                                                              | 177                      | 28.2     |
| He asked her to go back                                                | 249                      | 38.3     |
| Family said to return                                                  | 57                       | 8.7      |
| Forgave him                                                            | 161                      | 26.6     |
| Thought he would change                                                | 64                       | 12.2     |
| Threatened her/children/other family members**                         | (2)                      | 0.2      |
| Could not stay there (where she went)**                                | (2)                      | 0.4      |
| Violence is normal/not serious**                                       | (5)                      | 0.7      |
| Brideprice was paid                                                    | 38                       | 5.1      |
| Fear of black magic/sorcery**                                          | (8)                      | 2.2      |
| Obtained a domestic violence, family protection or restraining order** | (2)                      | 0.2      |
| Received counselling from VWC Network**                                | (1)                      | 0.1      |
| Other                                                                  | 38                       | 9.9      |

\* Multiple responses were possible, so percentages total more than 100%. No responses were received for "received counselling from another organisation" or "he used a love spell", although these were provided as possible options in the questionnaire.

\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable

Table 9.9: Main reasons for not leaving home, as mentioned by women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who never left home (% weighted, N=775 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| <i>Reasons for not leaving home *</i>                                  | <b>Number unweighted</b> | <b>%</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Didn't want to leave children                                          | 366                      | 45.6     |
| Sanctity of marriage                                                   | 123                      | 14.4     |
| Didn't want to bring shame                                             | 47                       | 5.2      |
| Couldn't support children**                                            | (11)                     | 1.1      |
| Loved him                                                              | 306                      | 35.9     |
| Didn't want to be single**                                             | (4)                      | 0.5      |
| Family said to stay                                                    | 38                       | 3.8      |
| Forgave him                                                            | 187                      | 19.6     |
| Thought he would change                                                | 83                       | 9.2      |
| Threatened her/children/other family members**                         | (9)                      | 1.2      |
| Nowhere to go                                                          | 24                       | 4.0      |
| Violence normal/not serious                                            | 34                       | 3.3      |
| Brideprice was paid                                                    | 57                       | 5.7      |
| Fear of black magic/sorcery**                                          | (8)                      | 1.0      |
| He used a love spell**                                                 | (1)                      | 0.1      |
| Obtained a domestic violence, family protection or restraining order** | (2)                      | 0.8      |
| Received counselling from VWC Network**                                | (1)                      | 0.2      |
| Other                                                                  | 104                      | 4.5      |

\* Multiple responses were possible, so percentages total more than 100%. No responses were received for "received counselling for another organisation" although this was provided as a possible option in the questionnaire.

\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.

Table 9.10: Retaliation/fighting back, among women reporting physical partner violence (% weighted, N=1278 unweighted\*), Vanuatu 2024

| <i>Whether ever fought back</i> | <b>By urban/rural area</b> |                           | <b>Total Vanuatu</b>     |                           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                 | <b>Urban (N=168) (%)</b>   | <b>Rural (N=1110) (%)</b> | <b>Number unweighted</b> | <b>Total (N=1278) (%)</b> |
| Never                           | 65.4                       | 72.1                      | 933                      | 71.1                      |
| Once or twice                   | 19.3                       | 21.7                      | 249                      | 21.4                      |
| Sometimes                       | 12.9                       | 5.1                       | 79                       | 6.2                       |
| Many times/most of the time**   | 2.4                        | 1.1                       | (17)                     | 1.3                       |

\* 1281 respondents experienced physical violence. N=1278 because 3 respondents ceased the interview before this question.

\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.



Table 9.11: Effect of fighting back, among women who ever fought back because of physical partner violence (% weighted, N=345 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

| <i>Result of retaliation</i>      | By urban/rural area    |                         | Total Vanuatu        |                         |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                   | Urban<br>(N=59)<br>(%) | Rural<br>(N=286)<br>(%) | Number<br>unweighted | Total<br>(N=345)<br>(%) |
| No effect                         | 5.9                    | 6.3                     | 25                   | 6.2                     |
| Violence became worse             | 39.0                   | 31.1                    | 112                  | 32.5                    |
| Violence became less              | 42.7                   | 41.7                    | 141                  | 41.9                    |
| Violence stopped                  | 12.3                   | 20.6                    | 66                   | 19.2                    |
| Don't know/don't remember/refused | 0.0                    | 0.3                     | 1                    | 0.2                     |

Table 9.12a: Contact with birth family and community networks, among all ever-partnered women, according to women's experience of physical or sexual violence (% weighted, N=2540 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                                           | No physical or sexual violence (N=1123) |      | Physical or sexual violence (N=1417) |      | P-value | No emotional violence (N=826) |      | Emotional violence (N=1714) |      | P-value | # women who answered the question | All ever-partnered women (N=2540) |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|------|---------|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
|                                                                                           | N                                       | %    | N                                    | %    |         | N                             | %    | N                           | %    |         |                                   | N                                 | %    |
| Live close to birth family so can easily visit them                                       | 889                                     | 80.1 | 1132                                 | 80.5 | 0.852   | 826                           | 79.6 | 1714                        | 80.8 | 0.599   | 2540                              | 2021                              | 80.3 |
| See a birth family member more than once per month                                        | 990                                     | 91.4 | 1250                                 | 91.8 | 0.759   | 738                           | 91.8 | 1502                        | 91.5 | 0.864   | 2452                              | 2240                              | 91.6 |
| Rarely see a birth family member (less than once a year, hardly ever or never)            | 95                                      | 8.6  | 116                                  | 8.2  | 0.777   | 64                            | 8.2  | 147                         | 8.5  | 0.876   | 2452                              | 211                               | 8.4  |
| Can ask birth family for support if she needs help or for a problem                       | 919                                     | 83.3 | 1190                                 | 85.3 | 0.297   | 679                           | 84.8 | 1430                        | 84.1 | 0.739   | 2540                              | 2109                              | 84.3 |
|                                                                                           |                                         |      |                                      |      |         |                               |      |                             |      |         |                                   |                                   |      |
| Regularly attend a group, organisation or association                                     | 746                                     | 65.3 | 982                                  | 63.5 | 0.510   | 548                           | 64.6 | 1180                        | 64.2 | 0.902   | 2540                              | 1728                              | 64.4 |
| Regularly attend a <u>women's</u> group, organisation or association                      | 533                                     | 64.5 | 651                                  | 68.2 | 0.261   | 401                           | 67.5 | 783                         | 65.8 | 0.658   | 1730                              | 1184                              | 66.4 |
|                                                                                           |                                         |      |                                      |      |         |                               |      |                             |      |         |                                   |                                   |      |
| Not living with husband's/partner's or own parents or other family                        | 389                                     | 35.0 | 565                                  | 37.9 | 0.277   | 275                           | 35.3 | 679                         | 37.1 | 0.532   | 2477                              | 955                               | 36.5 |
| Lives with husband's/partner's parents or relatives (current or most recent relationship) | 514                                     | 41.6 | 638                                  | 44.0 | 0.371   | 378                           | 40.5 | 774                         | 44.1 | 0.225   | 2477                              | 1155                              | 42.8 |
| Lives with her parents or relatives (current or most recent relationship)                 | 157                                     | 18.7 | 146                                  | 13.7 | 0.027   | 116                           | 18.4 | 187                         | 14.7 | 0.363   | 2477                              | 303                               | 16.0 |

9.12b: Women's freedom of association, mobility and access to education - number and percentage of all respondents (percent weighted, N=2765 unweighted), Vanuatu 2024

|                                                                | Prevented from attending a meeting or participating in an organisation |            | Prevented from travelling to another village, community or island |             | Prevented from accessing or continuing with education |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                | Number                                                                 | %*         | Number                                                            | %*          | Number                                                | %*          |
| <b>Not prevented</b>                                           | 2526                                                                   | 91.7       | 2434                                                              | 88.6        | 2213                                                  | 83.5        |
| <b>Who prevented the respondent</b>                            |                                                                        |            |                                                                   |             |                                                       |             |
| Husband/partner                                                | 189                                                                    | 5.9        | 250                                                               | 7.3         | 64                                                    | 2.0         |
| Her parents                                                    | 26                                                                     | 1.5        | 63                                                                | 3.5         | 366                                                   | 9.9         |
| Parents of husband/partner**                                   | (5)                                                                    | 0.1        | (6)                                                               | 0.2         | (1)                                                   | 0.0         |
| Son**                                                          | (1)                                                                    | 0.0        | (3)                                                               | 0.1         | 0                                                     | 0.0         |
| Daughter**                                                     | (2)                                                                    | 0.0        | (1)                                                               | 0.1         | 0                                                     | 0.0         |
| Other relative**                                               | (12)                                                                   | 0.5        | (11)                                                              | 0.4         | (15)                                                  | 0.5         |
| Government officer or community leader**                       | (2)                                                                    | 0.1        | (3)                                                               | 0.1         | (1)                                                   | 0.0         |
| Other**                                                        | (7)                                                                    | 0.3        | (4)                                                               | 0.2         | 109                                                   | 4.0         |
| <b>Total women prevented from enjoying each human right***</b> | <b>242</b>                                                             | <b>8.4</b> | <b>332</b>                                                        | <b>11.5</b> | <b>552</b>                                            | <b>16.5</b> |

\* Percentages for the people who prevented each activity are based on the total number of women prevented from doing each activity. Percentages do not total 100% because respondents could identify multiple people who had prevented them from doing each activity.

\*\* Although these findings are not suppressed, caution is needed in interpretation due to the small number of respondents, which renders them less reliable or unreliable.

\*\*\*Percentages for the total prevented from enjoying each human right is based on the total number of respondents (N=2765).

9.12c: Women's freedom of association, mobility and access to education and violence against women - number and percentage of ever-partnered women who did or did not experience physical and/or sexual partner violence, Vanuatu 2024 (percent weighted, N = 2540, unweighted)

|                                                                             | Never partner violence (N=1123) |      | Experienced physical and/or sexual partner violence (N=1417) |      | P value* | No emotional violence (N=826) |      | Emotional violence (1714) |      | P-value* |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|-------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|----------|
|                                                                             | Number                          | %    | Number                                                       | %    |          | N                             | %    | N                         | %    |          |
| Woman prevented from enjoying this right by any person                      |                                 |      |                                                              |      |          |                               |      |                           |      |          |
| Prevented from attending a meeting or participating in an organisation      | 41                              | 3.5  | 184                                                          | 13.2 | <0.001   | 28                            | 2.5  | 197                       | 11.9 | <0.001   |
| Prevented from travelling to another village, community or island           | 64                              | 6.5  | 223                                                          | 14.7 | <0.001   | 32                            | 4.5  | 255                       | 14.3 | <0.001   |
| Prevented from accessing or continuing with education                       | 181                             | 12.9 | 352                                                          | 23.5 | <0.001   | 128                           | 12.1 | 405                       | 21.9 | <0.001   |
| Woman prevented from enjoying this right by the husband or intimate partner |                                 |      |                                                              |      |          |                               |      |                           |      |          |
| Prevented from attending a meeting or participating in an organisation      | 30                              | 2.4  | 159                                                          | 11.3 | <0.001   | 21                            | 1.8  | 168                       | 9.9  | <0.001   |
| Prevented from travelling to another village, community or island           | 49                              | 3.7  | 198                                                          | 12.7 | <0.001   | 23                            | 2.2  | 224                       | 11.9 | <0.001   |
| Prevented from accessing or continuing with education                       | 12                              | 1.2  | 49                                                           | 3.3  | 0.043    | 7                             | 0.4  | 54                        | 3.3  | <0.001   |

\* P values of less than 0.05 are statistically significant, indicating that the associations shown are unlikely to be due to chance or other factors.

## 9.13a: Marriage arrangements and choice of ever-partnered women, among those who reported a civil or religious ceremony, Vanuatu 2024

|                                             | Percentage of women married in a ceremony (civil, religious, custom, other)<br>(N=1937 unweighted) |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   | Percentage of ever married or lived with a man<br>(N=2488 unweighted) |                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                             | Both she and husband chose to marry (%)                                                            | She chose her husband (%) | Total who either chose husband herself or was mutual (%) | Her family chose her husband (%) | Husband chose to marry her (%) | Husband's family chose her (%) | Other (%) | Total women who did not choose her husband (%) | Don't know, don't remember, no answer (%) | Forced to marry current/ most recent husband (%) | Marriage involved bride price (%) | No marriage ceremony with current/ most recent partner N=551 (%)      | Married by any ceremony N=1937 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | 69.2                                                                                               | 6.8                       | 76.1                                                     | 3.9                              | 11.3                           | 8.5                            | 0.2       | 23.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.7                                              | 80.4                              | 29.5                                                                  | 70.5                               |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| Urban                                       | 74.4                                                                                               | 6.3                       | 80.6                                                     | 2.6                              | 11.9                           | 4.6                            | 0.2       | 19.4                                           | 0.0                                       | 5.1                                              | 67.3                              | 35.7                                                                  | 64.3                               |
| Rural                                       | 68.0                                                                                               | 7.0                       | 75.0                                                     | 4.2                              | 11.2                           | 9.5                            | 0.1       | 25.0                                           | 0.0                                       | 8.4                                              | 83.4                              | 24.0                                                                  | 76.0                               |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| Torba                                       | 76.6                                                                                               | 1.8                       | 78.4                                                     | 13.9                             | 0.0                            | 7.7                            | 0.0       | 21.6                                           | 0.0                                       | 16.5                                             | 93.3                              | 10.8                                                                  | 89.2                               |
| Sanma                                       | 66.1                                                                                               | 6.9                       | 73.0                                                     | 5.5                              | 13.2                           | 8.0                            | 0.4       | 27.0                                           | 0.0                                       | 9.1                                              | 88.8                              | 27.4                                                                  | 72.6                               |
| Penama                                      | 59.7                                                                                               | 3.6                       | 63.3                                                     | 2.1                              | 15.3                           | 19.3                           | 0.0       | 36.7                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.3                                              | 98.6                              | 16.0                                                                  | 84.1                               |
| Malampa                                     | 58.6                                                                                               | 16.2                      | 74.8                                                     | 7.2                              | 11.6                           | 6.4                            | 0.0       | 25.2                                           | 0.0                                       | 8.3                                              | 81.9                              | 16.1                                                                  | 83.9                               |
| Shefa                                       | 76.1                                                                                               | 7.3                       | 83.5                                                     | 0.8                              | 11.5                           | 4.0                            | 0.3       | 16.6                                           | 0.0                                       | 2.4                                              | 73.0                              | 33.3                                                                  | 66.7                               |
| Tafea                                       | 72.9                                                                                               | 0.9                       | 73.8                                                     | 4.9                              | 7.1                            | 14.2                           | 0.0       | 26.2                                           | 0.0                                       | 16.6                                             | 79.4                              | 21.1                                                                  | 78.9                               |
| Port Vila                                   | 75.2                                                                                               | 5.5                       | 80.7                                                     | 0.8                              | 13.3                           | 4.9                            | 0.3       | 19.3                                           | 0.0                                       | 4.8                                              | 62.5                              | 39.8                                                                  | 60.2                               |
| Luganville                                  | 73.0                                                                                               | 7.6                       | 80.6                                                     | 5.8                              | 9.6                            | 4.1                            | 0.0       | 19.4                                           | 0.0                                       | 5.7                                              | 75.9                              | 26.8                                                                  | 73.2                               |
| <b>Religion</b>                             |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| Catholic                                    | 65.2                                                                                               | 8.9                       | 74.1                                                     | 3.9                              | 13.2                           | 8.8                            | 0.0       | 25.8                                           | 0.0                                       | 6.8                                              | 80.9                              | 26.6                                                                  | 73.4                               |
| Anglican                                    | 62.1                                                                                               | 3.0                       | 65.1                                                     | 5.6                              | 12.3                           | 17.0                           | 0.0       | 34.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 12.1                                             | 94.2                              | 16.3                                                                  | 83.7                               |
| Assemblies of God                           | 74.1                                                                                               | 7.0                       | 81.1                                                     | 3.6                              | 8.1                            | 7.2                            | 0.0       | 18.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 11.9                                             | 80.6                              | 33.0                                                                  | 67.0                               |

|                                | Percentage of women married in a ceremony (civil, religious, custom, other)<br>(N=1937 unweighted) |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   | Percentage of ever married or lived with a man<br>(N=2488 unweighted) |                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                | Both she and husband chose to marry (%)                                                            | She chose her husband (%) | Total who either chose husband herself or was mutual (%) | Her family chose her husband (%) | Husband chose to marry her (%) | Husband's family chose her (%) | Other (%) | Total women who did not choose her husband (%) | Don't know, don't remember, no answer (%) | Forced to marry current/ most recent husband (%) | Marriage involved bride price (%) | No marriage ceremony with current/ most recent partner N=551 (%)      | Married by any ceremony N=1937 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 69.2                                                                                               | 6.8                       | 76.1                                                     | 3.9                              | 11.3                           | 8.5                            | 0.2       | 23.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.7                                              | 80.4                              | 29.5                                                                  | 70.5                               |
| Church of Christ               | 68.3                                                                                               | 10.7                      | 79.0                                                     | 2.3                              | 7.6                            | 11.1                           | 0.0       | 21.0                                           | 0.0                                       | 3.6                                              | 87.0                              | 31.5                                                                  | 68.6                               |
| Presbyterian                   | 72.2                                                                                               | 6.4                       | 78.6                                                     | 4.3                              | 9.8                            | 6.9                            | 0.4       | 21.4                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.5                                              | 78.6                              | 27.9                                                                  | 72.1                               |
| SDA                            | 71.8                                                                                               | 9.6                       | 81.4                                                     | 3.7                              | 9.0                            | 5.8                            | 0.0       | 18.5                                           | 0.0                                       | 6.9                                              | 72.1                              | 25.6                                                                  | 74.4                               |
| Apostolic                      | 58.1                                                                                               | 6.6                       | 64.7                                                     | 3.2                              | 25.7                           | 6.5                            | 0.0       | 35.3                                           | 0.0                                       | 5.8                                              | 75.1                              | 30.1                                                                  | 69.9                               |
| Other Christian                | 69.5                                                                                               | 6.5                       | 76.0                                                     | 3.5                              | 13.3                           | 6.9                            | 0.2       | 24.0                                           | 0.0                                       | 6.2                                              | 78.3                              | 28.1                                                                  | 71.9                               |
| Other Non-Christian            | 72.5                                                                                               | 0.0                       | 72.5                                                     | 2.0                              | 8.0                            | 17.5                           | 0.0       | 27.5                                           | 0.0                                       | 20.5                                             | 68.3                              | 18.5                                                                  | 81.5                               |
| No Religion/ no Answer         | 77.8                                                                                               | 0.0                       | 77.8                                                     | 2.4                              | 13.0                           | 6.8                            | 0.0       | 22.2                                           | 0.0                                       | 5.5                                              | 96.9                              | 11.8                                                                  | 88.2                               |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| No education                   | 59.7                                                                                               | 2.6                       | 62.3                                                     | 4.8                              | 8.9                            | 24.1                           | 0.0       | 37.7                                           | 0.0                                       | 16.5                                             | 85.3                              | 9.3                                                                   | 90.7                               |
| Primary                        | 67.7                                                                                               | 6.1                       | 73.8                                                     | 5.2                              | 11.1                           | 9.8                            | 0.1       | 26.2                                           | 0.0                                       | 8.3                                              | 85.4                              | 18.0                                                                  | 82.0                               |
| Secondary                      | 71.7                                                                                               | 8.1                       | 79.8                                                     | 2.6                              | 12.3                           | 5.0                            | 0.3       | 20.2                                           | 0.0                                       | 5.8                                              | 75.7                              | 34.7                                                                  | 65.3                               |
| Higher/ Tert                   | 78.9                                                                                               | 9.0                       | 87.8                                                     | 3.3                              | 4.0                            | 4.8                            | 0.0       | 12.2                                           | 0.0                                       | 8.1                                              | 63.9                              | 35.9                                                                  | 64.1                               |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| 15-19                          | 70.9                                                                                               | 0.0                       | 70.9                                                     | 19.5                             | 0.0                            | 9.6                            | 0.0       | 29.1                                           | 0.0                                       | 1.3                                              | 50.3                              | 86.8                                                                  | 13.3                               |
| 20-24                          | 74.4                                                                                               | 5.7                       | 80.1                                                     | 0.9                              | 12.9                           | 6.0                            | 0.0       | 19.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 5.5                                              | 54.7                              | 61.5                                                                  | 38.5                               |
| 25-29                          | 73.5                                                                                               | 5.4                       | 78.9                                                     | 2.7                              | 11.7                           | 6.4                            | 0.4       | 21.1                                           | 0.0                                       | 4.9                                              | 73.8                              | 41.2                                                                  | 58.8                               |

|                             | Percentage of women married in a ceremony (civil, religious, custom, other)<br>(N=1937 unweighted) |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   | Percentage of ever married or lived with a man<br>(N=2488 unweighted) |                                    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                             | Both she and husband chose to marry (%)                                                            | She chose her husband (%) | Total who either chose husband herself or was mutual (%) | Her family chose her husband (%) | Husband chose to marry her (%) | Husband's family chose her (%) | Other (%) | Total women who did not choose her husband (%) | Don't know, don't remember, no answer (%) | Forced to marry current/ most recent husband (%) | Marriage involved bride price (%) | No marriage ceremony with current/ most recent partner N=551 (%)      | Married by any ceremony N=1937 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>        | 69.2                                                                                               | 6.8                       | 76.1                                                     | 3.9                              | 11.3                           | 8.5                            | 0.2       | 23.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.7                                              | 80.4                              | 29.5                                                                  | 70.5                               |
| 30-34                       | 71.0                                                                                               | 8.1                       | 79.1                                                     | 3.7                              | 9.6                            | 7.3                            | 0.3       | 20.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 5.7                                              | 75.3                              | 25.3                                                                  | 74.8                               |
| 35-39                       | 67.7                                                                                               | 9.0                       | 76.7                                                     | 4.2                              | 11.3                           | 7.9                            | 0.0       | 23.4                                           | 0.0                                       | 9.7                                              | 81.1                              | 25.4                                                                  | 74.6                               |
| 40-44                       | 70.2                                                                                               | 6.7                       | 76.9                                                     | 3.1                              | 11.6                           | 8.0                            | 0.4       | 23.1                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.7                                              | 83.5                              | 8.9                                                                   | 91.1                               |
| 45-49                       | 75.3                                                                                               | 5.8                       | 81.1                                                     | 3.8                              | 9.4                            | 5.6                            | 0.0       | 18.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.9                                              | 85.6                              | 7.4                                                                   | 92.6                               |
| 50-54                       | 69.9                                                                                               | 6.8                       | 76.7                                                     | 5.9                              | 11.0                           | 6.4                            | 0.0       | 23.3                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.8                                              | 85.3                              | 5.4                                                                   | 94.6                               |
| 55-59                       | 63.5                                                                                               | 4.6                       | 68.1                                                     | 3.6                              | 13.8                           | 14.5                           | 0.0       | 31.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 9.0                                              | 96.3                              | 6.0                                                                   | 94.0                               |
| 60-64                       | 53.7                                                                                               | 8.7                       | 62.4                                                     | 6.1                              | 13.7                           | 17.8                           | 0.0       | 37.6                                           | 0.0                                       | 13.6                                             | 84.3                              | 5.1                                                                   | 94.9                               |
| <b>Socioeconomic status</b> |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| Lower                       | 64.8                                                                                               | 5.9                       | 70.6                                                     | 5.4                              | 11.7                           | 12.2                           | 0.1       | 29.4                                           | 0.0                                       | 11.0                                             | 83.3                              | 21.0                                                                  | 79.0                               |
| Medium                      | 70.0                                                                                               | 6.8                       | 76.8                                                     | 3.6                              | 13.1                           | 6.3                            | 0.1       | 23.2                                           | 0.0                                       | 6.3                                              | 79.4                              | 32.2                                                                  | 67.8                               |
| Higher                      | 78.2                                                                                               | 9.1                       | 87.3                                                     | 1.1                              | 7.4                            | 3.8                            | 0.3       | 12.7                                           | 0.0                                       | 2.6                                              | 75.4                              | 28.1                                                                  | 71.9                               |
| <b>Disability status</b>    |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| No difficulty               | 73.5                                                                                               | 5.9                       | 79.4                                                     | 2.8                              | 9.8                            | 7.7                            | 0.3       | 20.6                                           | 0.0                                       | 6.1                                              | 76.3                              | 31.4                                                                  | 68.6                               |
| Some difficulty             | 67.9                                                                                               | 7.2                       | 75.1                                                     | 4.4                              | 11.9                           | 8.5                            | 0.1       | 24.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.8                                              | 83.5                              | 22.4                                                                  | 77.6                               |
| A lot of difficulty         | 62.0                                                                                               | 7.7                       | 69.7                                                     | 5.6                              | 13.3                           | 11.3                           | 0.0       | 30.3                                           | 0.0                                       | 12.6                                             | 76.0                              | 30.3                                                                  | 69.8                               |
| Cannot do at all            | 72.3                                                                                               | 9.7                       | 81.9                                                     | 3.0                              | 4.3                            | 10.8                           | 0.0       | 18.1                                           | 0.0                                       | 13.8                                             | 85.0                              | 35.5                                                                  | 64.5                               |



|                                          | Percentage of women married in a ceremony (civil, religious, custom, other)<br>(N=1937 unweighted) |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   | Percentage of ever married or lived with a man<br>(N=2488 unweighted) |                                    |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                          | Both she and husband chose to marry (%)                                                            | She chose her husband (%) | Total who either chose husband herself or was mutual (%) | Her family chose her husband (%) | Husband chose to marry her (%) | Husband's family chose her (%) | Other (%) | Total women who did not choose her husband (%) | Don't know, don't remember, no answer (%) | Forced to marry current/ most recent husband (%) | Marriage involved bride price (%) | No marriage ceremony with current/ most recent partner N=551 (%)      | Married by any ceremony N=1937 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                     | 69.2                                                                                               | 6.8                       | 76.1                                                     | 3.9                              | 11.3                           | 8.5                            | 0.2       | 23.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 7.7                                              | 80.4                              | 29.5                                                                  | 70.5                               |
| <b>By experience of partner violence</b> |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| No partner violence                      | 72.3                                                                                               | 6.6                       | 78.9                                                     | 2.1                              | 11.3                           | 7.8                            | 0.0       | 21.1                                           | 0.0                                       | 3.9                                              | 77.1                              | 27.3                                                                  | 72.7                               |
| Sexual and/ or physical                  | 66.5                                                                                               | 7.0                       | 73.5                                                     | 5.6                              | 11.4                           | 9.2                            | 0.3       | 26.5                                           | 0.0                                       | 11.2                                             | 83.4                              | 25.9                                                                  | 74.1                               |
| <b>By type of of partner violence</b>    |                                                                                                    |                           |                                                          |                                  |                                |                                |           |                                                |                                           |                                                  |                                   |                                                                       |                                    |
| Sexual only                              | 60.7                                                                                               | 5.9                       | 66.6                                                     | 6.4                              | 16.6                           | 10.4                           | 0.0       | 33.4                                           | 0.0                                       | 8.9                                              | 82.0                              | 33.8                                                                  | 66.2                               |
| Physical only                            | 69.5                                                                                               | 7.9                       | 77.3                                                     | 5.3                              | 8.9                            | 7.9                            | 0.6       | 22.7                                           | 0.0                                       | 10.2                                             | 81.7                              | 24.2                                                                  | 75.8                               |
| Both sexual and physical                 | 63.9                                                                                               | 6.2                       | 70.1                                                     | 5.8                              | 13.4                           | 10.7                           | 0.0       | 29.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 13.1                                             | 85.8                              | 26.0                                                                  | 74.0                               |
| Emotional                                | 67.7                                                                                               | 6.4                       | 74.1                                                     | 4.7                              | 12.1                           | 8.8                            | 0.2       | 25.9                                           | 0.0                                       | 9.7                                              | 81.9                              | 27.1                                                                  | 72.9                               |

9.13b: Reasons why husbands were chosen for respondents, among those who reported a civil or religious ceremony and whose husbands were chosen for them, Vanuatu 2024 (percent weighted N=489 unweighted)

|                                             | Percentage of women whose husbands were chosen for them (N=489): |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                             | Arranged marriage (%)                                            | Swapped (%) | Compensation payment (%) | Bride price was paid (%) | Passed to someone in husband's family following husband's death (%) | Married to man who raped her (%) | Settlement for land dispute (%) | Other (%) | Don't know, don't remember, no answer (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | 69.3                                                             | 13.8        | 0.8                      | 1.3                      | 0.9                                                                 | 0.9                              | 1.0                             | 8.3       | 3.8                                       |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| Urban                                       | 59.6                                                             | 13.3        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 5.0                                                                 | 4.8                              | 0.0                             | 15.0      | 2.4                                       |
| Rural                                       | 71.0                                                             | 13.8        | 0.9                      | 1.5                      | 0.2                                                                 | 0.2                              | 1.2                             | 7.2       | 4.0                                       |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| Torba                                       | 88.7                                                             | 2.3         | 0.0                      | 1.4                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 2.3                             | 2.8       | 2.4                                       |
| Sanma                                       | 63.1                                                             | 6.3         | 0.0                      | 6.8                      | 0.0                                                                 | 1.1                              | 0.0                             | 9.6       | 13.2                                      |
| Penama                                      | 95.7                                                             | 0.0         | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 3.6       | 0.7                                       |
| Malampa                                     | 70.1                                                             | 13.2        | 2.2                      | 1.4                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.5                             | 6.5       | 5.2                                       |
| Shefa                                       | 59.1                                                             | 21.3        | 2.7                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.2                             | 15.0      | 0.8                                       |
| Tafea                                       | 53.8                                                             | 36.8        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 1.2                                                                 | 0.0                              | 3.4                             | 3.1       | 1.8                                       |
| Port Vila                                   | 54.3                                                             | 17.9        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 7.8                                                                 | 7.6                              | 0.0                             | 11.2      | 1.2                                       |
| Luganville                                  | 68.8                                                             | 5.3         | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 21.6      | 4.4                                       |
| <b>Religion</b>                             |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| Catholic                                    | 75.2                                                             | 4.8         | 1.0                      | 0.0                      | 2.4                                                                 | 2.4                              | 1.1                             | 7.8       | 5.3                                       |
| Anglican                                    | 90.2                                                             | 1.0         | 0.0                      | 0.3                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.5                             | 6.1       | 1.9                                       |
| Assemblies of God                           | 63.4                                                             | 20.1        | 0.0                      | 4.2                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 12.2      | 0.0                                       |
| Church of Christ                            | 63.5                                                             | 20.1        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 5.9       | 10.5                                      |
| Presbyterian                                | 59.1                                                             | 22.9        | 0.0                      | 0.9                      | 2.0                                                                 | 1.9                              | 2.1                             | 8.0       | 3.1                                       |
| Seventh Day Adventist                       | 59.5                                                             | 14.4        | 2.2                      | 4.1                      | 0.0                                                                 | 1.4                              | 0.0                             | 15.2      | 3.2                                       |
| Apostolic                                   | 83.4                                                             | 9.2         | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 4.1       | 3.3                                       |
| Other Christian                             | 66.5                                                             | 13.2        | 2.3                      | 2.1                      | 1.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.5                             | 8.5       | 5.0                                       |
| Other Non-Christian                         | 36.8                                                             | 52.0        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 11.2      | 0.0                                       |

|                                        | Percentage of women whose husbands were chosen for them (N=489): |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                        | Arranged marriage (%)                                            | Swapped (%) | Compensation payment (%) | Bride price was paid (%) | Passed to someone in husband's family following husband's death (%) | Married to man who raped her (%) | Settlement for land dispute (%) | Other (%) | Don't know, don't remember, no answer (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                   | 69.3                                                             | 13.8        | 0.8                      | 1.3                      | 0.9                                                                 | 0.9                              | 1.0                             | 8.3       | 3.8                                       |
| No Religion/No Answer                  | 77.9                                                             | 16.3        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 0.0       | 5.8                                       |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>         |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| No education                           | 63.0                                                             | 28.7        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 4.1                             | 1.5       | 2.8                                       |
| Primary                                | 72.1                                                             | 13.1        | 0.0                      | 1.6                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.5                              | 0.4                             | 8.9       | 3.4                                       |
| Secondary                              | 66.5                                                             | 10.5        | 2.0                      | 1.3                      | 2.4                                                                 | 1.7                              | 0.9                             | 10.1      | 4.6                                       |
| Higher/Tertiary                        | 100.0                                                            | 0.0         | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 0.0       | 0.0                                       |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>         |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| 15-19                                  | 95.5                                                             | 4.5         | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 0.0       | 0.0                                       |
| 20-24                                  | 58.3                                                             | 15.6        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 18.9      | 0.0                                       |
| 25-29                                  | 75.1                                                             | 11.7        | 4.2                      | 2.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 1.7                              | 0.8                             | 1.8       | 1.7                                       |
| 30-34                                  | 68.1                                                             | 14.0        | 0.0                      | 2.7                      | 0.0                                                                 | 1.9                              | 1.8                             | 2.7       | 1.9                                       |
| 35-39                                  | 79.6                                                             | 6.9         | 0.0                      | 0.5                      | 1.7                                                                 | 2.0                              | 0.0                             | 5.8       | 3.7                                       |
| 40-44                                  | 63.1                                                             | 14.5        | 1.6                      | 2.7                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.0                             | 12.3      | 0.0                                       |
| 45-49                                  | 69.3                                                             | 6.6         | 1.2                      | 3.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 2.9                              | 2.9                             | 8.3       | 2.9                                       |
| 50-54                                  | 68.6                                                             | 14.9        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 7.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 0.9                             | 8.5       | 7.0                                       |
| 55-59                                  | 73.7                                                             | 8.1         | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.5                             | 15.4      | 0.0                                       |
| 60-64                                  | 63.7                                                             | 28.6        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.0                             | 6.7       | 0.0                                       |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>           |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| Lower                                  | 80.3                                                             | 8.7         | 1.2                      | 1.6                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.1                             | 3.4       | 3.7                                       |
| Medium                                 | 67.9                                                             | 15.1        | 0.9                      | 1.5                      | 0.5                                                                 | 1.1                              | 0.5                             | 9.1       | 3.3                                       |
| Higher                                 | 58.0                                                             | 18.0        | 0.0                      | 0.7                      | 2.7                                                                 | 1.7                              | 1.5                             | 13.2      | 4.4                                       |
| <b>Disability status</b>               |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| No difficulty (in one or more domains) | 67.8                                                             | 16.8        | 1.4                      | 1.3                      | 0.4                                                                 | 1.8                              | 0.4                             | 6.1       | 4.1                                       |
| Some difficulty                        | 73.1                                                             | 9.6         | 0.2                      | 1.5                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.0                             | 11.0      | 3.0                                       |

|                                           | Percentage of women whose husbands were chosen for them (N=489): |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                           | Arranged marriage (%)                                            | Swapped (%) | Compensation payment (%) | Bride price was paid (%) | Passed to someone in husband's family following husband's death (%) | Married to man who raped her (%) | Settlement for land dispute (%) | Other (%) | Don't know, don't remember, no answer (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                      | 69.3                                                             | 13.8        | 0.8                      | 1.3                      | 0.9                                                                 | 0.9                              | 1.0                             | 8.3       | 3.8                                       |
| A lot of difficulty                       | 51.6                                                             | 20.9        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 12.8                                                                | 0.0                              | 4.3                             | 10.3      | 0.0                                       |
| Cannot do at all                          | 76.3                                                             | 7.7         | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 6.3                             | 0.0       | 9.7                                       |
| <b>By experience of partner violence*</b> |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| No partner violence                       | 60.9                                                             | 27.6        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 1.2                                                                 | 0.0                              | 1.6                             | 4.7       | 4.0                                       |
| Sexual and/ or physical                   | 68.5                                                             | 14.4        | 0.9                      | 1.9                      | 1.3                                                                 | 0.7                              | 1.2                             | 8.6       | 2.5                                       |
| <b>By type of violence*</b>               |                                                                  |             |                          |                          |                                                                     |                                  |                                 |           |                                           |
| Sexual only                               | 75.7                                                             | 14.6        | 0.0                      | 0.0                      | 0.0                                                                 | 0.0                              | 2.7                             | 7.0       | 0.0                                       |
| Physical only                             | 60.2                                                             | 20.2        | 0.4                      | 0.8                      | 2.9                                                                 | 0.6                              | 1.0                             | 9.2       | 4.6                                       |
| Both sexual and physical                  | 74.9                                                             | 8.5         | 1.6                      | 3.5                      | 0.0                                                                 | 1.0                              | 1.0                             | 8.5       | 1.0                                       |
| Emotional                                 | 70.3                                                             | 9.2         | 1.1                      | 1.9                      | 1.1                                                                 | 0.9                              | 0.8                             | 10.6      | 3.9                                       |

\* Denominator is the number of women in each category.

9.13c: Bride price arrangements and women's view of their impact, among women whose marriages involve bride price, Vanuatu, 2024 (percent weighted, N=1628\* unweighted)

|                                             | Percentage of women whose marriage involved bride price<br>(N=1628): |                           |                  |                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                             | Positive<br>impact<br>(%)                                            | Negative<br>Impact<br>(%) | No impact<br>(%) | Don't know,<br>don't<br>remember,<br>no answer<br>(%) |
| <b>Whether total bride price is paid</b>    |                                                                      |                           |                  |                                                       |
| All bride price paid                        | 89.8                                                                 | 8.8                       | 1.4              | 0.0                                                   |
| Bride price partially paid                  | 75.8                                                                 | 18.1                      | 6.1              | 0.0                                                   |
| No bride price paid yet                     | 73.7                                                                 | 0.0                       | 0.0              | 26.4                                                  |
| Don't know, refused, no answer              | 100.0                                                                | 0.0                       | 0.0              | 0.0                                                   |
|                                             |                                                                      |                           |                  |                                                       |
| <b>Total where bride price was involved</b> | 88.9                                                                 | 9.4                       | 1.7              | 0.1                                                   |
|                                             |                                                                      |                           |                  |                                                       |
| <b>By experience of partner violence**</b>  |                                                                      |                           |                  |                                                       |
| No violence                                 | 94.2                                                                 | 4.3                       | 1.4              | 0.2                                                   |
| Sexual and/or physical                      | 84.5                                                                 | 13.6                      | 1.9              | 0.0                                                   |
| <b>By type of violence**</b>                |                                                                      |                           |                  |                                                       |
| Sexual only                                 | 91.5                                                                 | 6.0                       | 2.5              | 0.0                                                   |
| Physical only                               | 90.0                                                                 | 8.0                       | 2.1              | 0.1                                                   |
| Both sexual and physical                    | 76.2                                                                 | 22.3                      | 1.5              | 0.0                                                   |
| Emotional                                   | 84.8                                                                 | 12.9                      | 2.1              | 0.1                                                   |

\*1937 ever partnered women responded that their union involved a ceremony and of these 1628 responded that a bride price was involved. The denominator is women whose union involved a bride price.

\*\* Denominator is the number of women in each category.

Table 10.1: Risk factors associated with physical or sexual intimate partner violence among ever-partnered women aged 15-64, Vanuatu 2024

|                                          |                             | Unweighted |             | Weighted    |       | Chi-sq<br>p-value | Univariate models adjusted for<br>women's age, region, location and<br>survey design |         |        | Intermediate model<br>adjusted for survey design |         |        | Final model adjusted for<br>survey design |         |        |       |      |       |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|-------|
|                                          |                             | N=1892     | Sample<br>% | Sample<br>% | % IPV |                   | OR                                                                                   | p-value | 95% CI | AOR                                              | p-value | 95% CI | AOR                                       | p-value | 95% CI |       |      |       |
| Women's socio-demographic characteristic |                             |            |             |             |       |                   |                                                                                      |         |        |                                                  |         |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |
| Age<br>group                             | 15-19                       | 72         | 3.8         | 7.1         | 55.4  | <0.001            | 7.34                                                                                 | <0.001  | 3.07   | 17.54                                            | 4.22    | 0.026  | 1.19                                      | 14.94   | 5.03   | 0.006 | 1.60 | 15.80 |
|                                          | 20-24                       | 238        | 12.6        | 14.9        | 48.7  |                   | 5.29                                                                                 | <0.001  | 2.70   | 10.34                                            | 3.80    | 0.014  | 1.32                                      | 10.93   | 4.28   | 0.004 | 1.62 | 11.31 |
|                                          | 25-34                       | 645        | 34.1        | 30.5        | 44.0  |                   | 3.95                                                                                 | <0.001  | 2.29   | 6.81                                             | 2.86    | 0.017  | 1.21                                      | 6.78    | 3.20   | 0.002 | 1.55 | 6.61  |
|                                          | 35-44                       | 449        | 23.7        | 21.4        | 38.8  |                   | 3.13                                                                                 | <0.001  | 1.70   | 5.80                                             | 2.26    | 0.053  | 0.99                                      | 5.15    | 2.54   | 0.010 | 1.25 | 5.15  |
|                                          | 45-54                       | 294        | 15.5        | 15.2        | 24.9  |                   | 1.72                                                                                 | 0.064   | 0.97   | 3.05                                             | 1.35    | 0.442  | 0.63                                      | 2.89    | 1.40   | 0.313 | 0.73 | 2.71  |
|                                          | 55-64                       | 194        | 10.3        | 11.1        | 16.2  |                   | 1                                                                                    |         |        |                                                  | 1       |        |                                           |         | 1      |       |      |       |
| Partner-<br>ship<br>status               | Married                     | 1,179      | 62.3        | 53.8        | 34.7  | 0.002             | 1                                                                                    |         |        |                                                  | 1       |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Living with<br>partner      | 581        | 30.7        | 34.2        | 46.5  |                   | 1.51                                                                                 | 0.018   | 1.07   | 2.11                                             | 1.08    | 0.795  | 0.59                                      | 2.01    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Dating                      | 72         | 3.8         | 7.8         | 42.7  |                   | 1.07                                                                                 | 0.856   | 0.49   | 2.34                                             | 0.87    | 0.855  | 0.21                                      | 3.72    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Divorced/<br>separated      | 15         | 0.8         | 1.5         | 10.5  |                   | 0.16                                                                                 | 0.057   | 0.02   | 1.06                                             | 0.24    | 0.120  | 0.04                                      | 1.45    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Widowed                     | 27         | 1.4         | 1.7         | 5.1   |                   | 0.17                                                                                 | 0.043   | 0.03   | 0.94                                             | 0.21    | 0.103  | 0.03                                      | 1.37    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Dating now<br>separated     | 18         | 1.0         | 1.0         | 25.6  |                   | 0.28                                                                                 | 0.136   | 0.05   | 1.49                                             | 0.41    | 0.518  | 0.03                                      | 6.14    |        |       |      |       |
| Age at<br>first<br>marriage              | Less than 16 years          | 97         | 5.1         | 5.1         | 49.8  | <0.001            | 2.23                                                                                 | 0.023   | 1.12   | 4.47                                             | 1.77    | 0.274  | 0.63                                      | 4.95    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | 16 or 17 years              | 211        | 11.2        | 10.0        | 48.7  |                   | 1.76                                                                                 | 0.050   | 1.00   | 3.11                                             | 1.11    | 0.786  | 0.53                                      | 2.34    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | 18 or 19 years              | 545        | 28.8        | 28.4        | 47.6  |                   | 1.91                                                                                 | 0.005   | 1.21   | 3.01                                             | 1.49    | 0.190  | 0.82                                      | 2.73    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | 20 or 21 years              | 436        | 23.0        | 20.9        | 33.0  |                   | 1.18                                                                                 | 0.480   | 0.74   | 1.88                                             | 1.02    | 0.960  | 0.54                                      | 1.92    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | 22 to 24 years              | 287        | 15.2        | 14.9        | 30.7  |                   | 1.05                                                                                 | 0.858   | 0.63   | 1.73                                             | 1.03    | 0.937  | 0.55                                      | 1.91    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | 25 to 29 years              | 190        | 10.0        | 10.8        | 24.2  |                   | 1                                                                                    |         |        |                                                  | 1       |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | 30 or older                 | 67         | 3.5         | 3.6         | 27.5  |                   | 1.47                                                                                 | 0.399   | 0.60   | 3.58                                             | 1.98    | 0.231  | 0.64                                      | 6.10    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Never married/<br>cohabited | 41         | 2.2         | 4.5         | 45.5  |                   | 1.37                                                                                 | 0.483   | 0.56   | 3.35                                             | 1.77    | 0.435  | 0.42                                      | 7.40    |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Don't know/<br>no answer    | 18         | 1.0         | 1.7         | 18.8  |                   | 0.93                                                                                 | 0.922   | 0.21   | 4.04                                             | 1.07    | 0.940  | 0.16                                      | 7.11    |        |       |      |       |
| Women's socio-economic characteristic    |                             |            |             |             |       |                   |                                                                                      |         |        |                                                  |         |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |
| Educ-<br>ation                           | Never attended<br>school    | 149        | 7.9         | 5.6         | 43.4  | 0.367             | 1.72                                                                                 | 0.294   | 0.62   | 4.72                                             |         |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Primary                     | 769        | 40.6        | 36.6        | 38.7  |                   | 1.75                                                                                 | 0.282   | 0.63   | 4.88                                             |         |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Secondary                   | 920        | 48.6        | 53.5        | 38.9  |                   | 1.50                                                                                 | 0.451   | 0.52   | 4.37                                             |         |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |
|                                          | Higher/tertiary             | 54         | 2.9         | 4.4         | 24.3  |                   | 1                                                                                    |         |        |                                                  |         |        |                                           |         |        |       |      |       |

|                                        |                           | Unweighted |             | Weighted    |       | Chi-sq<br>p-<br>value | Univariate models adjusted for<br>women's age, region, location and<br>survey design |         |        |       | Intermediate model<br>adjusted for survey design |             |        | Final model adjusted for<br>survey design |             |        |      |      |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------|------|
|                                        |                           | N=1892     | Sample<br>% | Sample<br>% | % IPV |                       | OR                                                                                   | p-value | 95% CI |       | AOR                                              | p-<br>value | 95% CI | AOR                                       | p-<br>value | 95% CI |      |      |
| Earns<br>income                        | Doesn't earn an<br>income | 360        | 19.0        | 20.9        | 38.0  | 0.180                 | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       |                                                  |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | Earns an income           | 1528       | 80.8        | 79.0        | 38.4  |                       | 1.05                                                                                 | 0.760   | 0.76   | 1.46  |                                                  |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | No answer                 | 4          | 0.2         | 0.2         | 100.0 |                       | --                                                                                   |         |        |       |                                                  |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
| Women's other experiences of violence  |                           |            |             |             |       |                       |                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                  |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
| Non<br>partner<br>physical<br>violence | No                        | 1266       | 66.9        | 67.4        | 33.1  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | Yes                       | 626        | 33.1        | 32.6        | 49.5  |                       | 1.66                                                                                 | 0.001   | 1.23   | 2.24  | 1.03                                             | 0.884       | 0.71   | 1.50                                      |             |        |      |      |
| Non<br>partner<br>sexual<br>violence   | No                        | 1463       | 77.3        | 79.8        | 31.6  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           | 1           |        |      |      |
|                                        | Yes                       | 426        | 22.5        | 20.1        | 64.9  |                       | 3.3                                                                                  | 0.5     | 2.4    | 4.5   | 1.96                                             | 0.002       | 1.28   | 2.99                                      | 1.66        | 0.010  | 1.13 | 2.45 |
|                                        | No answer                 | 3          | 0.2         | 0.0         | 1.0   |                       | --                                                                                   |         |        |       |                                                  |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
| Child-<br>hood<br>sexual<br>abuse      | No                        | 1318       | 69.7        | 71.1        | 28.4  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           | 1           |        |      |      |
|                                        | Yes                       | 571        | 30.2        | 28.8        | 63.0  |                       | 4.10                                                                                 | <0.001  | 3.10   | 5.43  | 2.50                                             | <0.001      | 1.85   | 3.37                                      | 2.44        | 0.000  | 1.74 | 3.41 |
|                                        | No answer                 | 3          | 0.2         | 0.1         | 100.0 |                       | --                                                                                   |         |        |       | --                                               |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
| Age at<br>first sex                    | <16 years                 | 272        | 14.4        | 14.6        | 50.2  | <0.001                | 2.05                                                                                 | 0.014   | 1.16   | 3.65  | 0.72                                             | 0.481       | 0.29   | 1.81                                      |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | 16-17 years               | 490        | 25.9        | 22.2        | 48.9  |                       | 2.09                                                                                 | 0.005   | 1.26   | 3.48  | 1.13                                             | 0.758       | 0.52   | 2.46                                      |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | 18-21 years               | 903        | 47.7        | 49.0        | 34.6  |                       | 1.44                                                                                 | 0.146   | 0.88   | 2.34  | 1.20                                             | 0.606       | 0.60   | 2.37                                      |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | 22+ years                 | 209        | 11.1        | 12.5        | 22.0  |                       | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | Not had sex               | 3          | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.0   |                       | --                                                                                   |         |        |       | --                                               |             |        |                                           |             |        |      |      |
|                                        | No answer                 | 15         | 0.8         | 1.3         | 43.2  |                       | 3.47                                                                                 | 0.077   | 0.87   | 13.74 | 6.04                                             | 0.017       | 1.39   | 26.30                                     |             |        |      |      |
| Nature<br>of first<br>sex              | Wanted to have<br>sex     | 1294       | 68.4        | 68.8        | 31.2  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           | 1           |        |      |      |
|                                        | Coerced or forced         | 568        | 30.0        | 28.7        | 57.3  |                       | 2.41                                                                                 | <0.001  | 1.76   | 3.29  | 1.68                                             | 0.007       | 1.15   | 2.46                                      | 1.69        | 0.006  | 1.17 | 2.44 |
|                                        | Not had sex               | 3          | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.0   |                       | --                                                                                   |         |        |       | --                                               |             |        |                                           | --          |        |      |      |
|                                        | Don't know/no<br>answer   | 27         | 1.4         | 2.0         | 21.7  |                       | 0.74                                                                                 | 0.569   | 0.26   | 2.09  | 0.54                                             | 0.344       | 0.15   | 1.96                                      | 0.67        | 0.527  | 0.19 | 2.32 |



|                                                   |                                               | Unweighted |          | Weighted |       | Chi-sq<br>p-value | Univariate models adjusted for women's age, region, location and survey design |         |        |       | Intermediate model adjusted for survey design |         |        | Final model adjusted for survey design |      |         |        |       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
|                                                   |                                               | N=1892     | Sample % | Sample % | % IPV |                   | OR                                                                             | p-value | 95% CI |       | AOR                                           | p-value | 95% CI |                                        | AOR  | p-value | 95% CI |       |
| Mother hit                                        | No                                            | 975        | 51.5     | 53.4     | 30.2  | <0.001            | 1                                                                              |         |        |       | 1                                             |         |        |                                        | 1    |         |        |       |
|                                                   | Yes                                           | 867        | 45.8     | 43.9     | 48.3  |                   | 1.93                                                                           | <0.001  | 1.46   | 2.55  | 1.43                                          | 0.021   | 1.06   | 1.94                                   | 1.55 | 0.003   | 1.17   | 2.07  |
|                                                   | Parents did not live together                 | 11         | 0.6      | 0.4      | 76.0  |                   | 9.43                                                                           | 0.001   | 2.39   | 37.21 | 8.63                                          | 0.011   | 1.64   | 45.56                                  | 7.53 | 0.011   | 1.59   | 35.59 |
|                                                   | Don't know/no answer                          | 39         | 2.1      | 2.3      | 35.6  |                   | 1.22                                                                           | 0.575   | 0.61   | 2.43  | 1.23                                          | 0.664   | 0.48   | 3.16                                   | 1.43 | 0.409   | 0.61   | 3.36  |
| Women's behavioural characteristics               |                                               |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |       |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
| Alcohol use                                       | Never/rarely                                  | 41         | 2.2      | 68.7     | 34.4  | <0.001            | 1                                                                              |         |        |       | 1                                             |         |        |                                        | 1    |         |        |       |
|                                                   | At least once per month                       | 521        | 27.5     | 31.3     | 47.2  |                   | 1.94                                                                           | <0.001  | 1.44   | 2.61  | 1.78                                          | 0.002   | 1.24   | 2.56                                   | 1.43 | 0.043   | 1.01   | 2.02  |
|                                                   | Don't know                                    | 3          | 0.2      | 0.1      | 25.6  |                   | 0.51                                                                           | 0.563   | 0.05   | 5.07  | 0.62                                          | 0.796   | 0.02   | 22.98                                  | 0.62 | 0.714   | 0.05   | 8.09  |
| Attitudes                                         |                                               |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |       |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
| Towards wife beating                              | No reason to hit                              | 651        | 34.4     | 32.2     | 36.5  | 0.787             | 1                                                                              |         |        |       |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
|                                                   | At least one reason to hit                    | 1215       | 64.2     | 66.0     | 39.7  |                   | 1.20                                                                           | 0.252   | 0.88   | 1.64  |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
|                                                   | Don't know                                    | 26         | 1.4      | 1.8      | 40.4  |                   | 1.20                                                                           | 0.756   | 0.38   | 3.84  |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
| Towards a wife's sexual obligation to her husband | A woman can refuse sex under any circumstance | 431        | 22.8     | 22.7     | 47.8  | 0.004             | 1                                                                              |         |        |       | 1                                             |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
|                                                   | At least one reason a woman can't refuse      | 1395       | 73.7     | 72.9     | 35.6  |                   | 0.72                                                                           | 0.035   | 0.53   | 0.98  | 0.78                                          | 0.222   | 0.52   | 1.16                                   |      |         |        |       |
|                                                   | Don't know                                    | 66         | 3.5      | 4.5      | 37.1  |                   | 1.43                                                                           | 0.379   | 0.64   | 3.21  | 0.64                                          | 0.211   | 0.31   | 1.29                                   |      |         |        |       |
| Acceptable a woman can be swapped for marriage    | Disagree                                      | 1324       | 70.0     | 71.7     | 37.4  | 0.570             | 1                                                                              |         |        |       |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
|                                                   | Agree                                         | 526        | 27.8     | 25.9     | 40.7  |                   | 1.07                                                                           | 0.667   | 0.78   | 1.48  |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |
|                                                   | Don't know                                    | 42         | 2.2      | 2.4      | 42.9  |                   | 1.44                                                                           | 0.441   | 0.57   | 3.67  |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |       |

|                                                                        |                                | Unweighted |             | Weighted    |       | Chi-sq<br>p-<br>value | Univariate models adjusted for<br>women's age, region, location and<br>survey design |         |        |      | Intermediate model<br>adjusted for survey design |             |        | Final model adjusted for<br>survey design |     |             |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|--------|
|                                                                        |                                | N=1892     | Sample<br>% | Sample<br>% | % IPV |                       | OR                                                                                   | p-value | 95% CI |      | AOR                                              | p-<br>value | 95% CI |                                           | AOR | p-<br>value | 95% CI |
| Payment<br>of bride<br>price<br>means<br>woman is<br>man's<br>property | Disagree                       | 248        | 13.1        | 42.4        | 38.5  | 0.997                 | 1                                                                                    |         |        |      |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Agree                          | 1138       | 60.2        | 55.8        | 38.3  |                       | 0.98                                                                                 | 0.868   | 0.73   | 1.31 |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Don't know                     | 465        | 24.6        | 1.8         | 38.3  |                       | 0.99                                                                                 | 0.986   | 0.25   | 3.83 |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
| Women's social capital                                                 |                                |            |             |             |       |                       |                                                                                      |         |        |      |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
| Prox-<br>imity to<br>natal<br>family                                   | Not close                      | 335        | 17.7        | 16.1        | 39.5  | 0.743                 | 1                                                                                    |         |        |      |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Close or living<br>with family | 1557       | 82.3        | 84.0        | 38.2  |                       | 1.01                                                                                 | 0.972   | 0.70   | 1.46 |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
| Frequ-<br>ency of<br>contact<br>with<br>family                         | Lives with family              | 61         | 3.2         | 3.9         | 34.9  | 0.610                 | 0.42                                                                                 | 0.016   | 0.21   | 0.85 | 0.49                                             | 0.212       | 0.16   | 1.51                                      |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | At least once a<br>week        | 1362       | 72.0        | 73.2        | 37.9  |                       | 1                                                                                    |         |        |      | 1                                                |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Once a month or<br>less        | 373        | 19.7        | 17.8        | 42.2  |                       | 0.81                                                                                 | 0.177   | 0.59   | 1.10 | 1.03                                             | 0.879       | 0.70   | 1.51                                      |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Never                          | 95         | 5.0         | 5.1         | 34.9  |                       | 0.76                                                                                 | 0.366   | 0.42   | 1.38 | 0.59                                             | 0.161       | 0.28   | 1.24                                      |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | No answer                      | 1          | 0.1         | 0.0         | 0.0   |                       | --                                                                                   |         |        |      | --                                               |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
| Can<br>count<br>on<br>family<br>for<br>support                         | No                             | 323        | 17.1        | 15.7        | 34.3  | 0.226                 | 1                                                                                    |         |        |      |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Yes                            | 1569       | 82.9        | 84.3        | 39.2  |                       | 1.20                                                                                 | 0.329   | 0.83   | 1.73 |                                                  |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
| Living<br>with<br>family                                               | Neither family                 | 683        | 36.1        | 32.9        | 37.9  | 0.468                 | 1                                                                                    |         |        |      | 1                                                |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | His family                     | 868        | 45.9        | 40.9        | 40.8  |                       | 0.93                                                                                 | 0.670   | 0.66   | 1.30 | 1.12                                             | 0.592       | 0.74   | 1.68                                      |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Her family                     | 243        | 12.8        | 16.7        | 34.8  |                       | 0.67                                                                                 | 0.086   | 0.43   | 1.06 | 0.74                                             | 0.290       | 0.42   | 1.30                                      |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Both families                  | 20         | 1.1         | 1.4         | 44.6  |                       | 1.17                                                                                 | 0.820   | 0.29   | 4.73 | 1.30                                             | 0.711       | 0.32   | 5.32                                      |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Not living with<br>partner     | 27         | 1.4         | 2.6         | 23.2  |                       | 0.32                                                                                 | 0.109   | 0.08   | 1.30 | 0.31                                             | 0.126       | 0.07   | 1.39                                      |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Never married/<br>cohabited    | 41         | 2.2         | 4.5         | 45.5  |                       | 0.65                                                                                 | 0.342   | 0.26   | 1.59 | --                                               |             |        |                                           |     |             |        |
|                                                                        | Don't know/<br>no answer       | 10         | 0.5         | 0.9         | 15.6  |                       | 0.47                                                                                 | 0.410   | 0.08   | 2.83 | 0.54                                             | 0.694       | 0.02   | 11.78                                     |     |             |        |

|                                          |                         | Unweighted |          | Weighted |       | Chi-sq<br>p-value | Univariate models adjusted for women's age, region, location and survey design |         |        |      | Intermediate model adjusted for survey design |         |        | Final model adjusted for survey design |      |         |        |      |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------------------|------|---------|--------|------|
|                                          |                         | N=1892     | Sample % | Sample % | % IPV |                   | OR                                                                             | p-value | 95% CI |      | AOR                                           | p-value | 95% CI |                                        | AOR  | p-value | 95% CI |      |
| Respondent grew up in same community     | No                      | 1462       | 77.3     | 79.3     | 37.2  | 0.235             | 1                                                                              |         |        |      |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Yes                     | 416        | 22.0     | 20.1     | 43.3  |                   | 0.96                                                                           | 0.795   | 0.68   | 1.34 |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Don't know/no answer    | 14         | 0.7      | 0.6      | 38.5  |                   | 1.46                                                                           | 0.615   | 0.33   | 6.46 |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |      |
| Member of a group                        | No                      | 652        | 34.5     | 37.8     | 43.8  | 0.038             | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |         |        |                                        | 1    |         |        |      |
|                                          | Yes                     | 1238       | 65.4     | 62.1     | 35.2  |                   | 0.74                                                                           | 0.079   | 0.53   | 1.04 | 0.71                                          | 0.063   | 0.49   | 1.02                                   | 0.72 | 0.082   | 0.49   | 1.04 |
|                                          | Don't know/no answer    | 2          | 0.1      | 0.1      | 0.0   |                   | --                                                                             |         |        |      | --                                            |         |        |                                        | --   |         |        |      |
| Partner sociodemographic characteristics |                         |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |      |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |      |
| Age category                             | 16 to 24 years          | 153        | 8.1      | 12.7     | 55.9  | <0.001            | 2.22                                                                           | 0.032   | 1.07   | 4.60 | 4.97                                          | 0.001   | 1.96   | 12.59                                  | 3.90 | 0.002   | 1.62   | 9.38 |
|                                          | 25 to 29 years          | 220        | 11.6     | 12.5     | 41.3  |                   | 1.24                                                                           | 0.487   | 0.68   | 2.27 | 2.22                                          | 0.045   | 1.02   | 4.83                                   | 1.98 | 0.068   | 0.95   | 4.14 |
|                                          | 30 to 39 years          | 542        | 28.7     | 25.5     | 45.6  |                   | 1.62                                                                           | 0.078   | 0.95   | 2.79 | 1.84                                          | 0.063   | 0.97   | 3.49                                   | 1.73 | 0.074   | 0.95   | 3.16 |
|                                          | 40 to 49 years          | 463        | 24.5     | 22.2     | 36.8  |                   | 1.25                                                                           | 0.331   | 0.80   | 1.97 | 1.39                                          | 0.249   | 0.80   | 2.41                                   | 1.33 | 0.262   | 0.81   | 2.19 |
|                                          | 50 or older             | 465        | 24.6     | 23.9     | 21.6  |                   | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |         |        |                                        | 1    |         |        |      |
|                                          | Don't know/no answer    | 49         | 2.6      | 3.3      | 38.3  |                   | 1.36                                                                           | 0.541   | 0.51   | 3.63 | 3.42                                          | 0.041   | 1.05   | 11.09                                  | 1.24 | 0.676   | 0.44   | 3.49 |
| Education                                | Not attended school     | 149        | 7.9      | 5.8      | 50.6  | 0.002             | 2.48                                                                           | 0.007   | 1.29   | 4.79 | 1.52                                          | 0.364   | 0.62   | 3.73                                   |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Primary                 | 783        | 41.4     | 36.6     | 41.8  |                   | 1.96                                                                           | 0.034   | 1.05   | 3.63 | 1.55                                          | 0.237   | 0.75   | 3.23                                   |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Secondary               | 799        | 42.2     | 47.2     | 38.1  |                   | 1.61                                                                           | 0.160   | 0.83   | 3.15 | 1.47                                          | 0.293   | 0.72   | 3.00                                   |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Higher/tertiary         | 116        | 6.1      | 7.6      | 23.0  |                   | 1                                                                              |         |        |      |                                               |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Don't know/no answer    | 45         | 2.4      | 2.8      | 15.7  |                   | 0.41                                                                           | 0.179   | 0.11   | 1.51 | 0.34                                          | 0.137   | 0.08   | 1.41                                   |      |         |        |      |
| Work                                     | Working                 | 1100       | 58.1     | 55.9     | 37.0  | 0.001             | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |         |        |                                        |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Unemployed              | 331        | 17.5     | 15.1     | 50.6  |                   | 1.53                                                                           | 0.033   | 1.04   | 2.27 | 1.41                                          | 0.180   | 0.85   | 2.33                                   |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Retired                 | 81         | 4.3      | 4.9      | 24.2  |                   | 1.59                                                                           | 0.274   | 0.69   | 3.69 | 1.23                                          | 0.595   | 0.57   | 2.66                                   |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Student                 | 25         | 1.3      | 2.6      | 34.9  |                   | 0.94                                                                           | 0.910   | 0.31   | 2.87 | 0.93                                          | 0.886   | 0.36   | 2.43                                   |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Disabled/long term sick | 8          | 0.4      | 0.3      | 21.3  |                   | 0.99                                                                           | 0.990   | 0.19   | 5.24 | 1.79                                          | 0.424   | 0.43   | 7.47                                   |      |         |        |      |
|                                          | Overseas work / study   | 303        | 16.0     | 17.8     | 43.5  |                   | 1.21                                                                           | 0.354   | 0.81   | 1.82 | 1.16                                          | 0.467   | 0.77   | 1.76                                   |      |         |        |      |

|                                     |                                         | Unweighted |          | Weighted |       | Chi-sq<br>p-value | Univariate models adjusted for women's age, region, location and survey design |         |        |      | Intermediate model adjusted for survey design |         |        |       | Final model adjusted for survey design |         |        |       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|----------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
|                                     |                                         | N=1892     | Sample % | Sample % | % IPV |                   | OR                                                                             | p-value | 95% CI |      | AOR                                           | p-value | 95% CI |       | AOR                                    | p-value | 95% CI |       |
|                                     | Don't know/no answer                    | 44         | 2.3      | 3.5      | 5.9   |                   | 0.12                                                                           | 0.006   | 0.03   | 0.54 | 0.14                                          | 0.060   | 0.02   | 1.09  |                                        |         |        |       |
| Partner behavioural characteristics |                                         |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |      |                                               |         |        |       |                                        |         |        |       |
| Alcohol, home brew or kava use      | Never                                   | 432        | 22.8     | 24.1     | 17.3  | <0.001            | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |         |        |       | 1                                      |         |        |       |
|                                     | Daily                                   | 585        | 30.9     | 28.0     | 54.7  |                   | 5.00                                                                           | <0.001  | 3.19   | 7.84 | 2.66                                          | <0.001  | 1.59   | 4.46  | 3.22                                   | 0.000   | 1.90   | 5.45  |
|                                     | Weekly                                  | 615        | 32.5     | 32.6     | 45.5  |                   | 2.73                                                                           | <0.001  | 1.75   | 4.26 | 1.84                                          | 0.018   | 1.11   | 3.06  | 2.19                                   | 0.003   | 1.32   | 3.65  |
|                                     | Once or twice a month                   | 173        | 9.1      | 10.2     | 35.7  |                   | 2.14                                                                           | 0.007   | 1.23   | 3.72 | 1.48                                          | 0.282   | 0.72   | 3.03  | 1.65                                   | 0.178   | 0.80   | 3.41  |
|                                     | Once or twice a year                    | 65         | 3.4      | 3.1      | 42.1  |                   | 2.53                                                                           | 0.013   | 1.22   | 5.25 | 1.55                                          | 0.401   | 0.56   | 4.28  | 1.92                                   | 0.181   | 0.74   | 5.00  |
|                                     | Don't know/no answer                    | 22         | 1.2      | 2.0      | 6.1   |                   | 0.25                                                                           | 0.156   | 0.04   | 1.70 | 0.20                                          | 0.213   | 0.01   | 2.57  | 0.14                                   | 0.084   | 0.01   | 1.31  |
| Drug use                            | Never used                              | 1673       | 88.4     | 87.7     | 35.8  | <0.001            | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |         |        |       | 1                                      |         |        |       |
|                                     | Current user (at least once/twice year) | 147        | 7.8      | 8.4      | 62.0  |                   | 1.98                                                                           | 0.004   | 1.25   | 3.14 | 0.94                                          | 0.827   | 0.52   | 1.69  | 0.95                                   | 0.847   | 0.55   | 1.63  |
|                                     | Previous user                           | 38         | 2.0      | 1.5      | 71.2  |                   | 3.35                                                                           | 0.002   | 1.59   | 7.05 | 4.60                                          | 0.043   | 1.05   | 20.21 | 3.75                                   | 0.064   | 0.93   | 15.19 |
|                                     | Don't know/no answer                    | 34         | 1.8      | 2.4      | 30.2  |                   | 0.75                                                                           | 0.680   | 0.18   | 3.04 | 2.03                                          | 0.528   | 0.22   | 18.60 | 1.04                                   | 0.964   | 0.18   | 6.07  |
| Ever fought with another man        | No                                      | 1,455      | 76.9     | 75.7     | 32.5  | <0.001            | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |         |        |       | 1                                      |         |        |       |
|                                     | Yes                                     | 354        | 18.7     | 19.5     | 62.3  |                   | 3.32                                                                           | <0.001  | 2.24   | 4.92 | 1.58                                          | 0.055   | 0.99   | 2.51  | 1.73                                   | 0.022   | 1.08   | 2.76  |
|                                     | Don't know/no answer                    | 83         | 4.4      | 4.8      | 35.5  |                   | 1.08                                                                           | 0.832   | 0.54   | 2.15 | 1.40                                          | 0.341   | 0.70   | 2.83  | 1.51                                   | 0.258   | 0.74   | 3.09  |

|                                                                                                |                         | Unweighted |             | Weighted    |       | Chi-sq<br>p-<br>value | Univariate models adjusted for<br>women's age, region, location and<br>survey design |         |        |       | Intermediate model<br>adjusted for survey design |             |        | Final model adjusted for<br>survey design |      |             |        |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|------|-------------|--------|-------|
|                                                                                                |                         | N=1892     | Sample<br>% | Sample<br>% | % IPV |                       | OR                                                                                   | p-value | 95% CI |       | AOR                                              | P-<br>value | 95% CI |                                           | AOR  | p-<br>value | 95% CI |       |
| Ever<br>had a<br>relation<br>ship<br>with<br>other<br>women<br>while<br>with<br>respond<br>ent | No                      | 1255       | 66.3        | 63.5        | 30.3  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           | 1    |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | Yes                     | 557        | 29.4        | 30.9        | 53.7  |                       | 2.82                                                                                 | <0.001  | 2.05   | 3.88  | 1.47                                             | 0.048       | 1.00   | 2.15                                      | 1.58 | 0.010       | 1.12   | 2.23  |
|                                                                                                | May have                | 23         | 1.2         | 1.6         | 63.5  |                       | 5.79                                                                                 | 0.009   | 1.55   | 21.69 | 4.86                                             | 0.093       | 0.77   | 30.72                                     | 8.71 | 0.004       | 1.98   | 38.41 |
|                                                                                                | Don't know/no<br>answer | 57         | 3.0         | 3.9         | 38.7  |                       | 1.27                                                                                 | 0.633   | 0.47   | 3.41  | 0.27                                             | 0.395       | 0.01   | 5.57                                      | 2.35 | 0.141       | 0.75   | 7.32  |
| Ever<br>had a<br>child<br>with<br>another<br>women<br>while<br>with<br>respond<br>ent          | No                      | 1609       | 85.0        | 83.2        | 35.6  | 0.003                 | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           |      |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | Yes                     | 206        | 10.9        | 11.7        | 57.4  |                       | 3.07                                                                                 | <0.001  | 1.95   | 4.84  | 1.08                                             | 0.789       | 0.60   | 1.94                                      |      |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | May have                | 12         | 0.6         | 0.8         | 35.2  |                       | 1.78                                                                                 | 0.495   | 0.34   | 9.38  | 1.14                                             | 0.923       | 0.09   | 14.92                                     |      |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | Don't know/no<br>answer | 65         | 3.4         | 4.2         | 42.1  |                       | 1.19                                                                                 | 0.711   | 0.47   | 2.99  | 10.4<br>9                                        | 0.101       | 0.63   | 173.9<br>2                                |      |             |        |       |
| Partner experiences of violence in childhood                                                   |                         |            |             |             |       |                       |                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                  |             |        |                                           |      |             |        |       |
| Mother<br>hit                                                                                  | No                      | 1400       | 74.0        | 73.0        | 33.7  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           |      |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | Yes                     | 289        | 15.3        | 15.2        | 58.4  |                       | 2.68                                                                                 | <0.001  | 1.78   | 4.02  | 1.42                                             | 0.141       | 0.89   | 2.26                                      |      |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | May have                | 48         | 2.5         | 2.9         | 49.8  |                       | 3.16                                                                                 | 0.003   | 1.47   | 6.76  | 0.98                                             | 0.963       | 0.41   | 2.36                                      |      |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | Don't know/no<br>answer | 155        | 8.2         | 8.9         | 38.9  |                       | 0.96                                                                                 | 0.902   | 0.53   | 1.74  | 0.82                                             | 0.567       | 0.42   | 1.61                                      |      |             |        |       |
| Partner<br>hit                                                                                 | No                      | 1443       | 76.3        | 76.3        | 32.1  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |             |        |                                           | 1    |             |        |       |
|                                                                                                | Yes                     | 338        | 17.9        | 17.4        | 67.6  |                       | 4.52                                                                                 | <0.001  | 3.00   | 6.80  | 2.93                                             | <0.00<br>1  | 1.85   | 4.65                                      | 2.95 | 0.000       | 1.87   | 4.64  |
|                                                                                                | May have                | 26         | 1.4         | 1.1         | 35.0  |                       | 1.38                                                                                 | 0.551   | 0.48   | 4.01  | 1.55                                             | 0.507       | 0.42   | 5.72                                      | 1.35 | 0.615       | 0.42   | 4.35  |
|                                                                                                | Don't know/no<br>answer | 85         | 4.5         | 5.3         | 34.1  |                       | 0.84                                                                                 | 0.688   | 0.35   | 2.00  | 0.91                                             | 0.861       | 0.32   | 2.58                                      | 0.71 | 0.503       | 0.26   | 1.95  |

|                                    |                                        | Unweighted |          | Weighted |       | Chi-sq<br>p-value | Univariate models adjusted for women's age, region, location and survey design |         |        |      | Intermediate model adjusted for survey design |        |      | Final model adjusted for survey design |        |       |      |      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|-----------------------------------------------|--------|------|----------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|------|
|                                    |                                        | N=1892     | Sample % | Sample % | % IPV |                   | OR                                                                             | p-value | 95% CI | AOR  | p-value                                       | 95% CI | AOR  | p-value                                | 95% CI |       |      |      |
| Household                          |                                        |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |      |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
| Household SES                      | Low assets                             | 1002       | 53.0     | 40.8     | 48.3  | <0.001            | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | Middle assets                          | 607        | 32.1     | 36.6     | 37.4  |                   | 0.88                                                                           | 0.422   | 0.64   | 1.21 | 1.12                                          | 0.581  | 0.76 | 1.65                                   |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | High assets                            | 283        | 15.0     | 22.7     | 22.2  |                   | 0.58                                                                           | 0.044   | 0.34   | 0.98 | 0.99                                          | 0.974  | 0.52 | 1.89                                   |        |       |      |      |
| Children in Household              |                                        |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |      |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
| Number of children                 | None                                   | 192        | 10.2     | 14.8     | 39.9  | 0.685             | 1                                                                              |         |        |      | 1                                             |        |      |                                        | 1      |       |      |      |
|                                    | 1 child                                | 273        | 14.4     | 16.1     | 39.3  |                   | 1.21                                                                           | 0.570   | 0.62   | 2.35 | 1.25                                          | 0.494  | 0.65 | 2.41                                   | 1.22   | 0.545 | 0.64 | 2.31 |
|                                    | 2 children                             | 326        | 17.2     | 16.8     | 37.7  |                   | 1.65                                                                           | 0.161   | 0.82   | 3.33 | 1.80                                          | 0.087  | 0.92 | 3.54                                   | 1.82   | 0.100 | 0.89 | 3.71 |
|                                    | 3 or 4 children                        | 628        | 33.2     | 30.2     | 35.3  |                   | 1.89                                                                           | 0.043   | 1.02   | 3.52 | 1.91                                          | 0.061  | 0.97 | 3.74                                   | 2.07   | 0.042 | 1.03 | 4.19 |
|                                    | 5 or more children                     | 473        | 25.0     | 22.1     | 41.6  |                   | 3.43                                                                           | 0.001   | 1.72   | 6.84 | 3.70                                          | 0.001  | 1.67 | 8.23                                   | 3.78   | 0.002 | 1.66 | 8.61 |
| Relative status                    |                                        |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |      |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
| Relative age                       | Same age (less than 5 year difference) | 1185       | 62.6     | 65.7     | 40.1  | 0.150             | 1                                                                              |         |        |      |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | He is older 5 or more years            | 611        | 32.3     | 28.1     | 36.4  |                   | 0.82                                                                           | 0.180   | 0.61   | 1.10 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | She is older 5 or more years           | 47         | 2.5      | 2.9      | 20.8  |                   | 0.61                                                                           | 0.192   | 0.29   | 1.28 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | Don't know/no answer                   | 49         | 2.6      | 3.3      | 38.3  |                   | 0.85                                                                           | 0.756   | 0.31   | 2.36 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
| Relative education                 | Both the same                          | 1020       | 53.9     | 55.8     | 39.5  | 0.008             | 1                                                                              |         |        |      |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | His higher                             | 418        | 22.1     | 20.8     | 33.5  |                   | 0.82                                                                           | 0.250   | 0.59   | 1.15 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | Hers higher                            | 409        | 21.6     | 20.6     | 43.5  |                   | 1.04                                                                           | 0.848   | 0.72   | 1.49 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | Don't know/no answer                   | 45         | 2.4      | 2.8      | 15.7  |                   | 0.23                                                                           | 0.006   | 0.08   | 0.66 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
| Relative contribution to household | Same as partner                        | 314        | 16.6     | 13.9     | 36.0  | 0.824             | 1                                                                              |         |        |      |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | Less than partner                      | 768        | 40.6     | 38.7     | 40.4  |                   | 1.32                                                                           | 0.168   | 0.89   | 1.95 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | More than partner                      | 333        | 17.6     | 17.3     | 38.0  |                   | 1.33                                                                           | 0.271   | 0.80   | 2.19 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | She not working                        | 360        | 19.0     | 20.9     | 38.0  |                   | 1.12                                                                           | 0.646   | 0.70   | 1.79 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |
|                                    | Don't know/no answer                   | 117        | 6.2      | 9.2      | 35.1  |                   | 0.89                                                                           | 0.735   | 0.46   | 1.72 |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |

|                        |                                      | Unweighted |          | Weighted |       | Chi-sq<br>p-value | Univariate models adjusted for women's age, region, location and survey design |         |        |       | Intermediate model adjusted for survey design |        |      | Final model adjusted for survey design |        |       |      |      |  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|--------|------|----------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|------|--|
|                        |                                      | N=1892     | Sample % | Sample % | % IPV |                   | OR                                                                             | p-value | 95% CI | AOR   | p-value                                       | 95% CI | AOR  | p-value                                | 95% CI |       |      |      |  |
| Marriage arrangements  |                                      |            |          |          |       |                   |                                                                                |         |        |       |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
| Choice in partner      | Both mutually chose                  | 959        | 50.7     | 46.8     | 33.6  | 0.021             | 1                                                                              |         |        |       | 1                                             |        |      |                                        | 1      |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Woman chose                          | 81         | 4.3      | 4.4      | 35.8  |                   | 1.09                                                                           | 0.765   | 0.62   | 1.90  | 0.54                                          | 0.189  | 0.22 | 1.35                                   | 0.74   | 0.483 | 0.32 | 1.73 |  |
|                        | Woman's family                       | 59         | 3.1      | 2.2      | 59.4  |                   | 2.58                                                                           | 0.004   | 1.36   | 4.90  | 2.77                                          | 0.019  | 1.18 | 6.47                                   | 2.81   | 0.012 | 1.26 | 6.27 |  |
|                        | Partner chose                        | 154        | 8.1      | 7.9      | 38.6  |                   | 1.20                                                                           | 0.453   | 0.74   | 1.93  | 1.03                                          | 0.913  | 0.61 | 1.74                                   | 1.04   | 0.869 | 0.63 | 1.73 |  |
|                        | Partner's family chose               | 133        | 7.0      | 5.5      | 39.1  |                   | 1.10                                                                           | 0.720   | 0.65   | 1.85  | 0.94                                          | 0.855  | 0.46 | 1.90                                   | 0.92   | 0.804 | 0.49 | 1.74 |  |
|                        | Other person                         | 1          | 0.1      | 0.0      | 100.0 |                   | --                                                                             |         |        |       | --                                            |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | No ceremony/<br>never lived with man | 505        | 26.7     | 33.2     | 43.9  |                   | 1.22                                                                           | 0.343   | 0.80   | 1.86  | 0.64                                          | 0.317  | 0.26 | 1.54                                   | 0.90   | 0.686 | 0.53 | 1.51 |  |
| Marriage ceremony      | No ceremony                          | 464        | 24.5     | 28.7     | 43.7  | 0.158             | 1                                                                              |         |        |       |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Had a ceremony                       | 1387       | 73.3     | 66.8     | 35.7  |                   | 0.86                                                                           | 0.448   | 0.57   | 1.28  |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Never married/<br>lived with man     | 41         | 2.2      | 4.5      | 45.5  |                   | 0.80                                                                           | 0.574   | 0.36   | 1.75  |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
| Bride price            | No bride price                       | 248        | 13.1     | 14.9     | 33.9  | 0.203             | 1                                                                              |         |        |       |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Bride price                          | 1138       | 60.2     | 51.8     | 36.1  |                   | 0.98                                                                           | 0.928   | 0.65   | 1.48  |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Don't know/<br>no answer             | 465        | 24.6     | 28.7     | 43.8  |                   | 1.17                                                                           | 0.576   | 0.67   | 2.02  |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Never married or<br>lived with man   | 41         | 2.2      | 4.5      | 45.5  |                   | 0.93                                                                           | 0.894   | 0.32   | 2.71  |                                               |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
| Payment of bride price | Not paid/partially paid              | 86         | 4.6      | 3.8      | 56.6  | 0.045             | 1                                                                              |         |        |       | 1                                             |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Paid                                 | 1051       | 55.6     | 48.0     | 34.5  |                   | 0.50                                                                           | 0.015   | 0.29   | 0.87  | 0.59                                          | 0.150  | 0.29 | 1.21                                   |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Bride price not involved             | 248        | 13.1     | 14.9     | 33.9  |                   | 0.54                                                                           | 0.073   | 0.27   | 1.06  | 0.68                                          | 0.348  | 0.30 | 1.54                                   |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | No ceremony                          | 464        | 24.5     | 28.7     | 43.7  |                   | 0.63                                                                           | 0.144   | 0.33   | 1.17  | --                                            |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Don't know/<br>no answer             | 2          | 0.1      | 0.1      | 54.2  |                   | 1.29                                                                           | 0.896   | 0.03   | 57.93 | 1.53                                          | 0.736  | 0.13 | 18.39                                  |        |       |      |      |  |
|                        | Never married or<br>lived with man   | 41         | 2.2      | 4.5      | 45.5  |                   | 0.50                                                                           | 0.182   | 0.18   | 1.38  | --                                            |        |      |                                        |        |       |      |      |  |



|           |                               | Unweighted |             | Weighted    |       | Chi-sq<br>p-<br>value | Univariate models adjusted for<br>women's age, region, location and<br>survey design |         |        |       | Intermediate model<br>adjusted for survey design |        |      | Final model adjusted for<br>survey design |        |       |      |       |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|------|-------------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|-------|
|           |                               | N=1892     | Sample<br>% | Sample<br>% | % IPV |                       | OR                                                                                   | p-value | 95% CI | AOR   | p-<br>value                                      | 95% CI | AOR  | p-<br>value                               | 95% CI |       |      |       |
| Geography |                               |            |             |             |       |                       |                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                  |        |      |                                           |        |       |      |       |
| Region    | Port Vila                     | 286        | 15.1        | 21.6        | 19.9  | <0.001                | 1                                                                                    |         |        |       | 1                                                |        |      |                                           | 1      |       |      |       |
|           | Luganville                    | 148        | 7.8         | 6.2         | 34.1  |                       | 1.82                                                                                 | 0.023   | 1.09   | 3.05  | 0.95                                             | 0.894  | 0.47 | 1.93                                      | 0.93   | 0.820 | 0.49 | 1.75  |
|           | Torba                         | 102        | 5.4         | 2.4         | 57.7  |                       | 8.19                                                                                 | <0.001  | 3.28   | 20.48 | 3.15                                             | 0.117  | 0.75 | 13.24                                     | 2.86   | 0.058 | 0.96 | 8.51  |
|           | Sanma                         | 240        | 12.7        | 11.8        | 50.5  |                       | 5.66                                                                                 | <0.001  | 2.20   | 14.57 | 3.21                                             | 0.094  | 0.82 | 12.62                                     | 3.00   | 0.031 | 1.11 | 8.12  |
|           | Penama                        | 275        | 14.5        | 10.1        | 48.6  |                       | 5.80                                                                                 | <0.001  | 2.32   | 14.49 | 5.63                                             | 0.012  | 1.47 | 21.63                                     | 4.88   | 0.002 | 1.82 | 13.10 |
|           | Malampa                       | 252        | 13.3        | 11.9        | 47.7  |                       | 5.56                                                                                 | <0.001  | 2.32   | 13.34 | 2.27                                             | 0.220  | 0.61 | 8.47                                      | 2.33   | 0.082 | 0.90 | 6.05  |
|           | Shefa                         | 251        | 13.3        | 25.0        | 34.5  |                       | 2.92                                                                                 | 0.024   | 1.15   | 7.39  | 1.40                                             | 0.597  | 0.40 | 4.97                                      | 1.50   | 0.417 | 0.56 | 4.00  |
|           | Tafea                         | 338        | 17.9        | 11.2        | 49.3  |                       | 5.23                                                                                 | <0.001  | 2.11   | 12.97 | 2.04                                             | 0.287  | 0.55 | 7.62                                      | 2.58   | 0.054 | 0.98 | 6.78  |
|           | Urban<br>or rural<br>location | Urban      | 391         | 20.7        | 22.8  |                       | 24.7                                                                                 | <0.001  | 1      |       |                                                  |        | 1    |                                           |        |       | 1    |       |
| Rural     |                               | 1501       | 79.3        | 77.2        | 42.5  | 0.66                  | 0.396                                                                                |         | 0.26   | 1.71  | 0.66                                             | 0.537  | 0.17 | 2.50                                      | 0.69   | 0.474 | 0.25 | 1.90  |

Notes: For the final mutli-variate model, P-values of 0.05 or less were considered significant and are shaded. Blue shading (women's membership of a group) refers to the only potential protective factor, although this did NOT remain significant in the final model.

IPV – intimate partner physical or sexual violence; OR – odds ratio; CI – confidence interval; AOR – adjusted odds ratio.

Table 11.1a: Unweighted prevalence of physical and sexual intimate partner violence among ever-partnered women aged 15-49, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2061 in 2009 and N=2025 in 2024)

|                                             | Physical partner violence |           |                     |           | Sexual partner violence |           |                     |           | Physical and/or partner sexual violence |           |                     |           |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
|                                             | Life time prevalence      |           | 12 month prevalence |           | Life time prevalence    |           | 12 month prevalence |           | Life time prevalence                    |           | 12 month prevalence |           |
|                                             | 2009 (%)                  | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)                | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)                                | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%)  |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | <b>51</b>                 | <b>52</b> | <b>33</b>           | <b>29</b> | <b>44</b>               | <b>30</b> | <b>33</b>           | <b>17</b> | <b>60</b>                               | <b>57</b> | <b>44</b>           | <b>35</b> |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                           |           |                     |           |                         |           |                     |           |                                         |           |                     |           |
| Urban                                       | 41                        | 36        |                     | 20        | 34                      | 19        |                     | 11        | 50                                      | 39        |                     | 24        |
| Rural                                       | 53                        | 56        |                     | 31        | 47                      | 32        |                     | 18        | 63                                      | 61        |                     | 37        |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                           |           |                     |           |                         |           |                     |           |                                         |           |                     |           |
| Torba                                       | 43                        | 23        |                     | 17        | 37                      | 10        |                     | 8         | 53                                      | 25        |                     | 20        |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                | 61                        | 51        |                     | 24        | 60                      | 32        |                     | 15        | 74                                      | 57        |                     | 30        |
| Penama                                      | 57                        | 71        |                     | 33        | 50                      | 52        |                     | 28        | 69                                      | 80        |                     | 44        |
| Malampa                                     | 69                        | 59        |                     | 35        | 56                      | 34        |                     | 21        | 75                                      | 65        |                     | 41        |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                 | 25                        | 58        |                     | 27        | 20                      | 39        |                     | 25        | 31                                      | 66        |                     | 37        |
| Tafea                                       | 57                        | 61        |                     | 34        | 54                      | 31        |                     | 17        | 67                                      | 65        |                     | 40        |
| Port Vila                                   | 39                        | 37        |                     | 25        | 28                      | 15        |                     | 11        | 46                                      | 40        |                     | 28        |
| Luganville                                  | 45                        | 56        |                     | 34        | 41                      | 31        |                     | 13        | 55                                      | 62        |                     | 37        |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                           |           |                     |           |                         |           |                     |           |                                         |           |                     |           |
| No education                                | 57                        | 51        |                     | 28        | 58                      | 35        |                     | 20        | 67                                      | 61        |                     | 37        |
| Primary                                     | 52                        | 54        |                     | 28        | 47                      | 33        |                     | 18        | 62                                      | 59        |                     | 34        |
| Secondary                                   | 49                        | 52        |                     | 31        | 38                      | 27        |                     | 16        | 57                                      | 57        |                     | 36        |
| Higher/Tertiary                             | 39                        | 38        |                     | 20        | 28                      | 23        |                     | 11        | 45                                      | 39        |                     | 21        |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>              |                           |           |                     |           |                         |           |                     |           |                                         |           |                     |           |
| 15-19                                       | 44                        | 37        |                     | 30        | 52                      | 40        |                     | 29        | 62                                      | 57        |                     | 43        |

|                              | Physical partner violence |          |                     |          | Sexual partner violence |          |                     |          | Physical and/or partner sexual violence |          |                     |          |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
|                              | Life time prevalence      |          | 12 month prevalence |          | Life time prevalence    |          | 12 month prevalence |          | Life time prevalence                    |          | 12 month prevalence |          |
|                              | 2009 (%)                  | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 51                        | 52       | 33                  | 29       | 44                      | 30       | 33                  | 17       | 60                                      | 57       | 44                  | 35       |
| 15-17                        |                           | 38       |                     | 21       |                         | 46       |                     | 33       |                                         | 67       |                     | 42       |
| 18-19                        |                           | 37       |                     | 34       |                         | 37       |                     | 27       |                                         | 53       |                     | 44       |
| 20-24                        | 59                        | 58       |                     | 45       | 52                      | 27       |                     | 18       | 68                                      | 62       |                     | 49       |
| 25-29                        | 53                        | 51       |                     | 36       | 47                      | 28       |                     | 19       | 63                                      | 57       |                     | 42       |
| 30-34                        | 50                        | 55       |                     | 30       | 39                      | 31       |                     | 17       | 56                                      | 59       |                     | 34       |
| 35-39                        | 49                        | 57       |                     | 26       | 42                      | 33       |                     | 17       | 58                                      | 60       |                     | 32       |
| 40-44                        | 44                        | 50       |                     | 19       | 36                      | 28       |                     | 12       | 54                                      | 55       |                     | 24       |
| 45-49                        | 49                        | 43       |                     | 17       | 44                      | 28       |                     | 12       | 58                                      | 49       |                     | 21       |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                           |          |                     |          |                         |          |                     |          |                                         |          |                     |          |
| Lower                        | 57                        | 58       |                     | 33       | 51                      | 35       |                     | 20       | 66                                      | 64       |                     | 40       |
| Medium                       | 50                        | 49       |                     | 27       | 43                      | 27       |                     | 15       | 60                                      | 55       |                     | 32       |
| Higher                       | 29                        | 33       |                     | 18       | 25                      | 13       |                     | 8        | 39                                      | 35       |                     | 20       |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                           |          |                     |          |                         |          |                     |          |                                         |          |                     |          |
| No difficulty                |                           | 47       |                     | 29       |                         | 22       |                     | 13       |                                         | 52       |                     | 33       |
| Some difficulty              |                           | 55       |                     | 30       |                         | 35       |                     | 20       |                                         | 61       |                     | 36       |
| A lot of difficulty          |                           | 59       |                     | 34       |                         | 37       |                     | 19       |                                         | 64       |                     | 39       |
| Cannot do at all             |                           | 56       |                     | 22       |                         | 33       |                     | 15       |                                         | 63       |                     | 30       |

Blank/shaded cells indicate that breakdowns by recipient category for prevalence are not available from the 2009 survey. In some cases, the question was not asked in either the international template or the Vanuatu survey; in other cases, tabulations were not standardised internationally as they are today.

Table 11.1b: Unweighted prevalence of emotional, controlling behaviour and economic/financial intimate partner violence among ever-partnered women aged 15-49, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2061 in 2009 and N=2025 in 2024)

|                                             | Emotional partner violence |          |                     |          | Controlling behaviours by partner (any one act of control) |          |                     |          | Economic/financial partner violence |          |                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
|                                             | Life time prevalence       |          | 12 month prevalence |          | Life time prevalence                                       |          | 12 month prevalence |          | Life time prevalence                |          | 12 month prevalence |          |
|                                             | 2009 (%)                   | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                   | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | <b>68</b>                  | 70       | <b>54</b>           | 51       | <b>69</b>                                                  | 74       |                     | 61       |                                     | 33       |                     | 27       |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                            |          |                     |          |                                                            |          |                     |          |                                     |          |                     |          |
| Urban                                       | 61                         | 60       |                     | 44       |                                                            | 73       |                     | 62.      |                                     | 34       |                     | 28       |
| Rural                                       | 70                         | 72       |                     | 52       |                                                            | 75       |                     | 61       |                                     | 33       |                     | 26       |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                            |          |                     |          |                                                            |          |                     |          |                                     |          |                     |          |
| Torba                                       | 68                         | 52       |                     | 42       |                                                            | 67       |                     | 62       |                                     | 33       |                     | 30       |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                | 78                         | 69       |                     | 45       |                                                            | 80       |                     | 62       |                                     | 35       |                     | 24       |
| Penama                                      | 77                         | 88       |                     | 60       |                                                            | 68       |                     | 48       |                                     | 42       |                     | 28       |
| Malampa                                     | 80                         | 73       |                     | 59       |                                                            | 84       |                     | 74       |                                     | 36       |                     | 30       |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                 | 46                         | 75       |                     | 46       |                                                            | 77       |                     | 60       |                                     | 24       |                     | 19       |
| Tafea                                       | 65                         | 78       |                     | 56       |                                                            | 68       |                     | 57       |                                     | 29       |                     | 28       |
| Port Vila                                   | 57                         | 56       |                     | 46       |                                                            | 73       |                     | 66       |                                     | 25       |                     | 21       |
| Luganville                                  | 67                         | 71       |                     | 52       |                                                            | 74       |                     | 55       |                                     | 42       |                     | 31       |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                            |          |                     |          |                                                            |          |                     |          |                                     |          |                     |          |
| No education                                |                            | 66       |                     | 47       |                                                            | 67       |                     | 50       |                                     | 29       |                     | 25       |
| Primary                                     |                            | 72       |                     | 51       |                                                            | 75       |                     | 59       |                                     | 34       |                     | 26       |
| Secondary                                   |                            | 69       |                     | 52       |                                                            | 75       |                     | 64       |                                     | 32       |                     | 27       |
| Higher/Tertiary                             |                            | 57       |                     | 38       |                                                            | 77       |                     | 64       |                                     | 38       |                     | 30       |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>              |                            |          |                     |          |                                                            |          |                     |          |                                     |          |                     |          |
| 15-19                                       |                            | 63       |                     | 49       |                                                            | 75       |                     | 67       |                                     | 32       |                     | 24       |

|                              | Emotional partner violence |          |                     |          | Controlling behaviours by partner (any one act of control) |          |                     |          | Economic/financial partner violence |          |                     |          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
|                              | Life time prevalence       |          | 12 month prevalence |          | Life time prevalence                                       |          | 12 month prevalence |          | Life time prevalence                |          | 12 month prevalence |          |
|                              | 2009 (%)                   | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                   | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                            | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)            | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 68                         | 70       | 54                  | 51       | 69                                                         | 74       |                     | 61       |                                     | 33       |                     | 27       |
| 15-17                        |                            | 63       |                     | 38       |                                                            | 75       |                     | 58       |                                     | 25       |                     | 0.0      |
| 18-19                        |                            | 63       |                     | 54       |                                                            | 75       |                     | 71       |                                     | 33       |                     | 29       |
| 20-24                        |                            | 75       |                     | 64       |                                                            | 79       |                     | 71       |                                     | 36       |                     | 33       |
| 25-29                        |                            | 69       |                     | 54       |                                                            | 77       |                     | 66       |                                     | 30       |                     | 25       |
| 30-34                        |                            | 73       |                     | 53       |                                                            | 73       |                     | 59       |                                     | 34       |                     | 26       |
| 35-39                        |                            | 71       |                     | 50       |                                                            | 74       |                     | 58       |                                     | 32       |                     | 25       |
| 40-44                        |                            | 69       |                     | 45       |                                                            | 74       |                     | 58       |                                     | 36       |                     | 29       |
| 45-49                        |                            | 60       |                     | 31       |                                                            | 68       |                     | 49       |                                     | 30       |                     | 21       |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                            |          |                     |          |                                                            |          |                     |          |                                     |          |                     |          |
| Lower                        |                            | 74       |                     | 54       |                                                            | 74       |                     | 59       |                                     | 32       |                     | 26       |
| Medium                       |                            | 70       |                     | 49       |                                                            | 77       |                     | 66       |                                     | 33       |                     | 28       |
| Higher                       |                            | 50       |                     | 40       |                                                            | 68       |                     | 58       |                                     | 34       |                     | 27       |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                            |          |                     |          |                                                            |          |                     |          |                                     |          |                     |          |
| No difficulty                |                            | 65       |                     | 49       |                                                            | 68       |                     | 54       |                                     | 26       |                     | 22       |
| Some difficulty              |                            | 72       |                     | 51       |                                                            | 78       |                     | 66       |                                     | 37       |                     | 29       |
| A lot of difficulty          |                            | 78       |                     | 62       |                                                            | 78       |                     | 69       |                                     | 43       |                     | 37       |
| Cannot do at all             |                            | 81       |                     | 56       |                                                            | 93       |                     | 85       |                                     | 42       |                     | 25       |

Blank/shaded cells indicate that breakdowns by recipient category for prevalence are not available from the 2009 survey. In some cases, the question was not asked in either the international template or the Vanuatu survey; in other cases, tabulations were not standardised internationally: for example, prevalence of controlling behaviour in the past 12 months, or prevalence of economic/financial violence.

Table 11.2. Unweighted percentage of women aged 15-49 who told others about the violence and who they told, among women who experience physical or sexual intimate partner violence, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=1239 in 2009 and N=1160 in 2024)

|                                                                                          | 2009   |    | 2024   |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|--------|-----|
|                                                                                          | Number | %  | Number | %   |
| No one                                                                                   | 532    | 43 | 423    | 36  |
| Told someone                                                                             | 695    | 56 | 737    | 64  |
| No Answer                                                                                | 12     | 1  | 0      | 0   |
| <b>Who they told*:<br/>N=number who told someone (N=695 for 2009 and N=737 for 2024)</b> |        |    |        |     |
| Friends                                                                                  | 213    | 31 | 214    | 29  |
| Parents                                                                                  | 289    | 42 | 326    | 44  |
| Brother or sister                                                                        | 210    | 30 | 142    | 19  |
| Uncle or aunt                                                                            | 76     | 11 | 49     | 7   |
| Husband/partner's family                                                                 | 172    | 25 | 114    | 15  |
| Her family                                                                               | 222    | 32 | 129    | 18  |
| Children                                                                                 | 8      | 1  | 11     | 1   |
| Neighbours                                                                               | 54     | 8  | 92     | 12  |
| Police                                                                                   | 38     | 5  | 23     | 3   |
| Doctor/health worker                                                                     | 16     | 2  | 7      | 1   |
| Church leader                                                                            | 76     | 11 | 44     | 6   |
| Counsellor from VWC Network                                                              | 16     | 2  | 35     | 5   |
| Other Counsellor                                                                         | 1      | 0  | 0      | 0   |
| NGO/women's organization                                                                 | 8      | 1  | 0      | 0   |
| Chief                                                                                    | 125    | 18 | 99     | 13  |
| Other community leader                                                                   | 8      | 1  | 4      | 1   |
| Authorised person under the FPA                                                          |        |    | 2      | 0.3 |
| Other                                                                                    | 13     | 2  | 13     | 2   |

\* More than one answer could be given, so percentages total more than 100%.

Blank/shaded cells indicate that no data is available for Authorised Person under the Family Protection Act in 2009 because this data was not collected in 2009.

Table 11.3. Unweighted percentage of women aged 15-49 who sought help from agencies/persons in authority, and satisfaction with support received, among women who experienced physical or sexual partner violence, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=1239 in 2009 and N=1160 in 2024)

|                                                                                                                             | Who women went to for support |    |        |    | Satisfied with support received                                 |     |        |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|--------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|
|                                                                                                                             | 2009                          |    | 2024   |    | 2009                                                            |     | 2024   |     |
|                                                                                                                             | Number                        | %  | Number | %  | Number                                                          | %   | Number | %   |
| Not ever gone anywhere for help                                                                                             | 709                           | 57 | 804    | 69 |                                                                 |     |        |     |
| Went to an agency for help                                                                                                  | 530                           | 43 | 356    | 31 |                                                                 |     |        |     |
| Where they went for support:<br>N=number who went to an agency or authority for support (N=530 for 2009 and N=356 for 2024) |                               |    |        |    | N for each row is the number who went to each place for support |     |        |     |
| Police                                                                                                                      | 124                           | 23 | 81     | 23 | 101                                                             | 81  | 71     | 88  |
| Hospital, health centre, Aid Post                                                                                           | 188                           | 35 | 30     | 8  | 183                                                             | 97  | 29     | 97  |
| Public solicitor, lawyers                                                                                                   | 21                            | 4  | 5      | 1  | 21                                                              | 100 | 5      | 100 |
| Court                                                                                                                       | 34                            | 6  | 9      | 3  | 32                                                              | 94  | 7      | 78  |
| Authorised person under the FPA                                                                                             |                               |    | 5      | 1  |                                                                 |     | 5      | 100 |
|                                                                                                                             |                               |    |        |    |                                                                 |     |        |     |
| Chief/custom court                                                                                                          | 294                           | 55 | 204    | 57 | 253                                                             | 86  | 186    | 91  |
| Church leader                                                                                                               | 282                           | 53 | 96     | 27 | 262                                                             | 64  | 92     | 96  |
| Other community leader                                                                                                      | 75                            | 14 | 5      | 1  | 69                                                              | 92  | 5      | 100 |
|                                                                                                                             |                               |    |        |    |                                                                 |     |        |     |
| VWC Network                                                                                                                 | 63                            | 12 | 63     | 18 | 51                                                              | 81  | 58     | 92  |
| Other counselling service                                                                                                   |                               |    | 5      | 1  |                                                                 |     | 5      | 100 |
| Other women's organisation                                                                                                  | 57                            | 11 |        |    | 52                                                              | 91  |        |     |
| Anywhere else                                                                                                               | 19                            | 4  | 3      | 1  | 4                                                               | 21  | 2      | 67  |

Blank/shaded cells have no values because Authorised persons and other counselling services were not included in the 2009 survey question; other women's organisations was not included in the 2024 survey question.



Table 11.4. Unweighted main reasons for seeking support from agencies, as mentioned by women aged 15-49 who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who sought help, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=530 in 2009 and N=356 in 2024)

|                                     | 2009   |    | 2024   |    |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----|--------|----|
| <i>Reason for seeking support *</i> | Number | %  | Number | %  |
| Encouraged by friends/her family    | 92     | 17 | 99     | 28 |
| Encouraged by his family            | 77     | 15 | 52     | 15 |
| Had information about where to go   | 131    | 25 | 112    | 31 |
| Aware of her rights                 | 125    | 24 | 93     | 26 |
| Knew other women had been helped    | 38     | 7  | 15     | 4  |
| Could not take any more             | 236    | 45 | 139    | 39 |
| Badly injured                       | 102    | 19 | 34     | 10 |
| He threatened or tried to kill her  | 24     | 5  | 25     | 7  |
| He threatened or hit children       | 0      | 0  | 12     | 3  |
| Saw that children suffering         | 17     | 3  | 24     | 7  |
| Thrown out of the home              | 16     | 3  | 8      | 2  |
| Afraid she would kill him           | 0      | 0  | 17     | 5  |
| Afraid he would kill her            | 72     | 14 | 64     | 18 |
| Afraid of more violence             |        |    | 56     | 16 |
| Other                               | 0      | 0  | 13     | 4  |

\* More than one answer could be given, so percentages total more than 100%.

Blank/shaded cells indicate that this option was not included as a possible answer option in the 2009 survey.

Table 11.5. Unweighted reasons for not seeking support from agencies, as mentioned by women aged 15-49 who experienced physical or sexual partner violence and who did not seek help, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=709 in 2009 and N=804 in 2024)

|                                                                     | 2009   |    | 2024   |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|--------|----|
| <i>Reason for not seeking support *</i>                             | Number | %  | Number | %  |
| Don't know/no answer                                                | 165    | 23 | 243    | 30 |
| Fear of threats/consequences/ more violence                         | 128    | 18 | 90     | 11 |
| He stopped her from seeking help                                    | 87     | 12 | 14     | 2  |
| He threatened to kill her                                           | 19     | 3  | 116    | 14 |
| Violence normal/not serious                                         | 96     | 14 | 14     | 2  |
| Embarrassed/ashamed/afraid would not be believed or would be blamed | 50     | 7  | 8      | 1  |
| Believed not help/know other women not helped                       | 77     | 11 | 102    | 13 |
| Afraid would end relationship                                       | 40     | 6  | 122    | 15 |
| Afraid would lose children                                          | 40     | 6  | 67     | 8  |
| Bring bad name to family                                            | 37     | 5  | 86     | 11 |
| Did not know where to go/no options                                 |        |    | 88     | 11 |
| Other                                                               | 205    | 29 | 88     | 11 |

\* More than one answer could be given, so percentages total more than 100%.

Blank/shaded cells indicate that this option was not included as a possible answer option in the 2009 survey.

Table 11.6. Unweighted prevalence of physical or sexual violence by non-partners since the age of 15, among all interviewed women aged 15-49, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2337 in 2009 and N=2242 in 2024)

|                                             | Non-partner physical violence |          |                |          | Non-partner sexual violence |          |                |          | Non-partner physical and/or sexual violence |          |                |          |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|                                             | Lifetime                      |          | Past 12 months |          | Lifetime                    |          | Past 12 months |          | Lifetime                                    |          | Past 12 months |          |
|                                             | 2009 (%)                      | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)       | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                    | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)       | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                    | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)       | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | 28                            | 37       |                | 11       | 33                          | 25       |                | 4        | 48                                          | 46       |                | 13       |
| <b>Urban-Rural</b>                          |                               |          |                |          |                             |          |                |          |                                             |          |                |          |
| Urban                                       | 27                            | 30       |                | 8        |                             | 19       |                | 4        | 39                                          | 36       |                | 10       |
| Rural                                       | 29                            | 39       |                | 12       |                             | 27       |                | 4        | 50                                          | 48       |                | 14       |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                               |          |                |          |                             |          |                |          |                                             |          |                |          |
| Torba                                       | 37                            | 22       |                | 7        |                             | 8        |                | 0.4      | 56                                          | 66       |                | 20       |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                | 12                            | 39       |                | 10       |                             | 32       |                | 7        | 50                                          | 42       |                | 12       |
| Penama                                      | 22                            | 54       |                | 15       |                             | 47       |                | 6        | 54                                          | 43       |                | 23       |
| Malampa                                     | 36                            | 32       |                | 10       |                             | 24       |                | 3        | 54                                          | 54       |                | 15       |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                 | 24                            | 34       |                | 21       |                             | 20       |                | 5        | 28                                          | 34       |                | 10       |
| Tafea                                       | 45                            | 42       |                | 12       |                             | 35       |                | 4        | 59                                          | 58       |                | 10       |
| Port Vila                                   | 16                            | 25       |                | 8        |                             | 15       |                | 2        | 23                                          | 25       |                | 7        |
| Luganville                                  | 39                            | 50       |                | 9        |                             | 30       |                | 2        | 56                                          | 50       |                | 14       |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                               |          |                |          |                             |          |                |          |                                             |          |                |          |
| No education                                | 22                            | 37       |                | 7        |                             | 21       |                | 3        | 51                                          | 45       |                | 9        |
| Primary                                     | 30                            | 37       |                | 10       |                             | 28       |                | 4        | 50                                          | 47       |                | 13       |
| Secondary                                   | 27                            | 37       |                | 13       |                             | 24       |                | 3        | 46                                          | 45       |                | 15       |
| Higher/Tertiary                             | 23                            | 37       |                | 10       |                             | 14       |                | 1        | 36                                          | 42       |                | 11       |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>              |                               |          |                |          |                             |          |                |          |                                             |          |                |          |
| 15-19                                       | 37                            | 47       |                | 28       |                             | 24       |                | 13       | 53                                          | 54       |                | 34       |
| 15-17                                       |                               | 46       |                | 36       |                             | 19       |                | 13       |                                             | 54       |                | 42       |
| 18-19                                       |                               | 47       |                | 19       |                             | 29       |                | 13       |                                             | 55       |                | 25       |

|                              | Non-partner physical violence |          |                |          | Non-partner sexual violence |          |                |          | Non-partner physical and/or sexual violence |          |                |          |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|                              | Lifetime                      |          | Past 12 months |          | Lifetime                    |          | Past 12 months |          | Lifetime                                    |          | Past 12 months |          |
|                              | 2009 (%)                      | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)       | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                    | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)       | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                    | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)       | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 28                            | 37       |                | 11       | 33                          | 25       |                | 4        | 48                                          | 46       |                | 13       |
| 20-24                        | 32                            | 42       |                | 13       |                             | 27       |                | 4        | 54                                          | 50       |                | 16       |
| 25-29                        | 26                            | 35       |                | 10       |                             | 24       |                | 2        | 50                                          | 44       |                | 11       |
| 30-34                        | 27                            | 36       |                | 9        |                             | 23       |                | 1        | 47                                          | 43       |                | 10       |
| 35-39                        | 26                            | 39       |                | 10       |                             | 30       |                | 4        | 41                                          | 51       |                | 13       |
| 40-44                        | 26                            | 32       |                | 7        |                             | 28       |                | 2        | 45                                          | 44       |                | 9        |
| 45-49                        | 23                            | 29       |                | 6        |                             | 20       |                | 2        | 37                                          | 37       |                | 8        |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                               |          |                |          |                             |          |                |          |                                             |          |                |          |
| Lower                        | 28                            | 40       |                | 12       |                             | 29       |                | 4        | 53                                          | 50       |                | 15       |
| Medium                       | 30                            | 35       |                | 10       |                             | 22       |                | 3        | 47                                          | 43       |                | 12       |
| Higher                       | 20                            | 29       |                | 10       |                             | 17       |                | 4        | 29                                          | 36       |                | 11       |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                               |          |                |          |                             |          |                |          |                                             |          |                |          |
| No difficulty                |                               | 35       |                | 11       |                             | 19       |                | 2        |                                             | 42       |                | 13       |
| Some difficulty              |                               | 39       |                | 11       |                             | 30       |                | 5        |                                             | 49       |                | 14       |
| A lot of difficulty          |                               | 39       |                | 10       |                             | 33       |                | 5        |                                             | 50       |                | 13       |
| Cannot do at all             |                               | 25       |                | 13       |                             | 25       |                | 3        |                                             | 38       |                | 13       |

Notes: The WHO template and the 2009 Vanuatu survey did not include any questions on non-partner violence in the past 12 months, so there is no comparative data for current prevalence. For each of the three indicators, more detailed questions were asked about different acts of physical and sexual non-partner violence in 2024 compared with 2009. For physical violence, 2 general acts were included in 2009, compared with 4 specific acts in 2024. For sexual violence over 15 years (forced sex), 1 general question was asked in 2009, compared with 5 specific acts in 2024 including forced intercourse (2 acts), attempted forced intercourse, and unwanted sexual touching (2 acts). Questions on sexual harassment and technology facilitated sexual harassment included in the 2024 survey are omitted from the analysis for 2024 data; and they were also not asked in 2009.

Table 11.7. Unweighted prevalence of child sexual abuse by non-partners, before the age of 15 years, as reported by all interviewed women aged 15-49, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2337 in 2009 and N=2242 in 2024)

|              | Sexual abuse before age 15: 2009 |           |            |           |                         |           | Sexual abuse before age 15: 2024 |     |        |      |                         |    |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----|--------|------|-------------------------|----|
|              | Face to face interview           |           | Card       |           | Both interview and card |           | Face to face interview           |     | Card   |      | Both interview and card |    |
|              | Number                           | %         | Number     | %         | Number                  | %         | Number                           | %   | Number | %    | Number                  | %  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>342</b>                       | <b>15</b> | <b>599</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>704</b>              | <b>30</b> | 154                              | 6.9 | 648    | 28.9 | 709                     | 32 |

Table 11.8a. Attitudes to gender equality: unweighted percentage of women aged 15-49 who said they agree with specific statements presented to them, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2061 in 2009 and N=2245 in 2024)

|                                             | Percentage of women who agreed with                   |           |                                                                      |           |                                    |           |                                                                                              |           |                                                                                                    |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                             | "A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees" |           | "Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family" |           | "A man should show he is the boss" |           | "A woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/ partner disapproves" |           | "It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner, even if she doesn't feel like it" |           |
|                                             | 2009 (%)                                              | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)                                                             | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)                           | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)                                                                                     | 2024 (%)  | 2009 (%)                                                                                           | 2024 (%)  |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | <b>50</b>                                             | <b>51</b> | <b>82</b>                                                            | <b>79</b> | <b>40</b>                          | <b>47</b> | <b>47</b>                                                                                    | <b>38</b> | <b>18</b>                                                                                          | <b>22</b> |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                                                       |           |                                                                      |           |                                    |           |                                                                                              |           |                                                                                                    |           |
| Urban                                       | 51                                                    | 59        | 86                                                                   | 84        | 50                                 | 48        | 48                                                                                           | 48        | 15                                                                                                 | 23        |
| Rural                                       | 50                                                    | 50        | 80                                                                   | 77        | 38                                 | 46        | 47                                                                                           | 36        | 19                                                                                                 | 22        |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                                                       |           |                                                                      |           |                                    |           |                                                                                              |           |                                                                                                    |           |
| Torba                                       | 20                                                    | 50        | 86                                                                   | 78        | 11                                 | 43        | 61                                                                                           | 37        | 8                                                                                                  | 14        |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                | 40                                                    | 71        | 76                                                                   | 91        | 35                                 | 55        | 34                                                                                           | 60        | 17                                                                                                 | 34        |
| Penama                                      | 60                                                    | 27        | 73                                                                   | 77        | 52                                 | 26        | 44                                                                                           | 49        | 32                                                                                                 | 10        |
| Malampa                                     | 57                                                    | 62        | 90                                                                   | 79        | 39                                 | 55        | 52                                                                                           | 36        | 28                                                                                                 | 23        |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                 | 70                                                    | 54        | 77                                                                   | 80        | 68                                 | 69        | 43                                                                                           | 46        | 17                                                                                                 | 34        |
| Tafea                                       | 57                                                    | 57        | 80                                                                   | 72        | 22                                 | 45        | 50                                                                                           | 53        | 11                                                                                                 | 18        |
| Port Vila                                   | 44                                                    | 48        | 84                                                                   | 73        | 42                                 | 48        | 49                                                                                           | 33        | 12                                                                                                 | 19        |

|                                | Percentage of women who agreed with                   |          |                                                                      |          |                                    |          |                                                                                              |          |                                                                                                    |          |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                | "A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees" |          | "Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family" |          | "A man should show he is the boss" |          | "A woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/ partner disapproves" |          | "It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner, even if she doesn't feel like it" |          |
|                                | 2009 (%)                                              | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                             | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                           | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                                                     | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                                                           | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>           | 50                                                    | 51       | 82                                                                   | 79       | 40                                 | 47       | 47                                                                                           | 38       | 18                                                                                                 | 22       |
| Luganville                     | 59                                                    | 41       | 87                                                                   | 81       | 59                                 | 27       | 48                                                                                           | 14       | 19                                                                                                 | 20       |
| <b>Education of respondent</b> |                                                       |          |                                                                      |          |                                    |          |                                                                                              |          |                                                                                                    |          |
| No education                   | 44                                                    | 56       | 81                                                                   | 80       | 23                                 | 42       | 57                                                                                           | 33       | 17                                                                                                 | 24       |
| Primary                        | 53                                                    | 53       | 82                                                                   | 79       | 43                                 | 49       | 47                                                                                           | 41       | 21                                                                                                 | 25       |
| Secondary                      | 49                                                    | 50       | 82                                                                   | 78       | 41                                 | 45       | 45                                                                                           | 37       | 15                                                                                                 | 20       |
| Higher/Tertiary                | 33                                                    | 46       | 78                                                                   | 82       | 26                                 | 42       | 51                                                                                           | 37       | 11                                                                                                 | 20       |
| Not known*                     | 83                                                    |          | 100                                                                  |          | 50                                 |          | 83                                                                                           |          | 50                                                                                                 |          |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b> |                                                       |          |                                                                      |          |                                    |          |                                                                                              |          |                                                                                                    |          |
| 15-19                          | 47                                                    | 52       | 83                                                                   | 76       | 38                                 | 46       | 42                                                                                           | 33       | 11                                                                                                 | 20       |
| 15-17                          |                                                       | 53       |                                                                      | 75       |                                    | 45       |                                                                                              | 30       |                                                                                                    | 21       |
| 18-19                          |                                                       | 50       |                                                                      | 76       |                                    | 48       |                                                                                              | 37       |                                                                                                    | 19       |
| 20-24                          | 50                                                    | 49       | 83                                                                   | 83       | 40                                 | 47       | 49                                                                                           | 34       | 15                                                                                                 | 20       |
| 25-29                          | 51                                                    | 48       | 82                                                                   | 77       | 43                                 | 43       | 47                                                                                           | 39       | 21                                                                                                 | 18       |
| 30-34                          | 49                                                    | 51       | 81                                                                   | 77       | 37                                 | 46       | 46                                                                                           | 41       | 18                                                                                                 | 21       |
| 35-39                          | 54                                                    | 51       | 82                                                                   | 79       | 47                                 | 48       | 51                                                                                           | 41       | 22                                                                                                 | 25       |
| 40-44                          | 53                                                    | 52       | 81                                                                   | 77       | 38                                 | 50       | 52                                                                                           | 37       | 22                                                                                                 | 25       |
| 45-49                          | 51                                                    | 62       | 79                                                                   | 83       | 39                                 | 45       | 41                                                                                           | 38       | 19                                                                                                 | 25       |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b>   |                                                       |          |                                                                      |          |                                    |          |                                                                                              |          |                                                                                                    |          |
| Lower                          | 51                                                    | 51       | 81                                                                   | 78       | 39                                 | 46       | 49                                                                                           | 35       | 20                                                                                                 | 23       |
| Medium                         | 50                                                    | 53       | 83                                                                   | 79       | 41                                 | 50       | 46                                                                                           | 41       | 18                                                                                                 | 20       |

|                          | Percentage of women who agreed with                   |          |                                                                      |          |                                    |          |                                                                                              |          |                                                                                                    |          |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                          | "A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees" |          | "Family problems should only be discussed with people in the family" |          | "A man should show he is the boss" |          | "A woman should be able to choose her own friends, even if her husband/ partner disapproves" |          | "It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband/partner, even if she doesn't feel like it" |          |
|                          | 2009 (%)                                              | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                             | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                           | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                                                     | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                                                           | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>     | 50                                                    | 51       | 82                                                                   | 79       | 40                                 | 47       | 47                                                                                           | 38       | 18                                                                                                 | 22       |
| Higher                   | 44                                                    | 52       | 80                                                                   | 80       | 41                                 | 41       | 43                                                                                           | 44       | 11                                                                                                 | 20       |
| Not known*               | 63                                                    |          | 89                                                                   |          | 58                                 |          | 54                                                                                           |          | 23                                                                                                 |          |
| <b>Disability status</b> |                                                       |          |                                                                      |          |                                    |          |                                                                                              |          |                                                                                                    |          |
| No difficulty            |                                                       | 54       |                                                                      | 82       |                                    | 47       |                                                                                              | 35       |                                                                                                    | 23       |
| Some difficulty          |                                                       | 49       |                                                                      | 76       |                                    | 46       |                                                                                              | 39       |                                                                                                    | 21       |
| A lot of difficulty      |                                                       | 55       |                                                                      | 72       |                                    | 41       |                                                                                              | 51       |                                                                                                    | 18       |
| Cannot do at all         |                                                       | 59       |                                                                      | 87       |                                    | 56       |                                                                                              | 44       |                                                                                                    | 22       |

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Table 11.8b: Attitudes to gender equality: Unweighted proportion of women aged 15-49 who said they agree with specific statements presented to them, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2061 in 2009 and N=2245 in 2024).

|                                             | Percentage of women who agreed with                                                  |          |                                                                                       |          |                                                                                |          |                                                                            |          |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                             | "If a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside of the family should intervene" |          | "A woman or girl should not touch food when she has her monthly period/ menstruation" |          | "It is all right for a woman or girls to be swapped or exchanged for marriage" |          | "If bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband" |          |
|                                             | 2009 (%)                                                                             | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                                              | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                                       | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%)                                                                   | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | 74                                                                                   | 75       | 58                                                                                    | 73       | 36                                                                             | 26       | 53                                                                         | 55       |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                                                                                      |          |                                                                                       |          |                                                                                |          |                                                                            |          |
| Urban                                       | 72                                                                                   | 76       | 64                                                                                    | 67       | 32                                                                             | 15.1     | 62                                                                         | 50       |
| Rural                                       | 74                                                                                   | 76       | 57                                                                                    | 75       | 37                                                                             | 28.8     | 50                                                                         | 56       |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                                                                                      |          |                                                                                       |          |                                                                                |          |                                                                            |          |
| Torba                                       | 60                                                                                   | 71       | 41                                                                                    | 50       | 17                                                                             | 14.0     | 17                                                                         | 40       |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                | 65                                                                                   | 81       | 52                                                                                    | 88       | 35                                                                             | 16.5     | 52                                                                         | 63       |
| Penama                                      | 77                                                                                   | 49       | 65                                                                                    | 42       | 39                                                                             | 7.3      | 67                                                                         | 33       |
| Malampa                                     | 92                                                                                   | 81       | 54                                                                                    | 82       | 41                                                                             | 28.0     | 48                                                                         | 69       |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                 | 73                                                                                   | 83       | 43                                                                                    | 89       | 21                                                                             | 44.4     | 60                                                                         | 82       |
| Tafea                                       | 80                                                                                   | 84       | 86                                                                                    | 62       | 69                                                                             | 31.7     | 55                                                                         | 45       |
| Port Vila                                   | 84                                                                                   | 79       | 50                                                                                    | 62       | 29                                                                             | 20.4     | 55                                                                         | 57       |
| Luganville                                  | 59                                                                                   | 62       | 78                                                                                    | 87       | 35                                                                             | 28.4     | 69                                                                         | 39       |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                                                                                      |          |                                                                                       |          |                                                                                |          |                                                                            |          |
| No education                                | 65                                                                                   | 66       | 58                                                                                    | 82       | 41                                                                             | 36.3     | 39                                                                         | 52       |
| Primary                                     | 74                                                                                   | 74       | 59                                                                                    | 75       | 39                                                                             | 30.4     | 56                                                                         | 58       |
| Secondary                                   | 75                                                                                   | 77       | 59                                                                                    | 72       | 33                                                                             | 23.1     | 51                                                                         | 54       |
| Higher/Tertiary                             | 76                                                                                   | 82       | 48                                                                                    | 66       | 15                                                                             | 11.3     | 41                                                                         | 38       |
| Not known*                                  | 100                                                                                  |          | 50                                                                                    |          | 17                                                                             |          | 50                                                                         |          |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>              |                                                                                      |          |                                                                                       |          |                                                                                |          |                                                                            |          |
| 15-19                                       | 68                                                                                   | 69       | 59                                                                                    | 7        | 31                                                                             | 22.3     | 48                                                                         | 55       |



|                              | Percentage of women who agreed with                                                  |                                                                                       |                                                                                |                                                                            |          |          |          |          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                              | "If a man mistreats his wife/partner, others outside of the family should intervene" | "A woman or girl should not touch food when she has her monthly period/ menstruation" | "It is all right for a woman or girls to be swapped or exchanged for marriage" | "If bride price has been paid, a wife becomes the property of the husband" |          |          |          |          |
|                              | 2009 (%)                                                                             | 2024 (%)                                                                              | 2009 (%)                                                                       | 2024 (%)                                                                   | 2009 (%) | 2024 (%) | 2009 (%) | 2024 (%) |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 74                                                                                   | 75                                                                                    | 58                                                                             | 73                                                                         | 36       | 26       | 53       | 55       |
| 15-17                        |                                                                                      | 71                                                                                    |                                                                                | 79                                                                         |          | 28.9     |          | 54       |
| 18-19                        |                                                                                      | 68                                                                                    |                                                                                | 77                                                                         |          | 14.8     |          | 57       |
| 20-24                        | 74                                                                                   | 77                                                                                    | 59                                                                             | 74                                                                         | 36       | 25.9     | 57       | 55       |
| 25-29                        | 76                                                                                   | 73                                                                                    | 60                                                                             | 74                                                                         | 39       | 24.6     | 55       | 51       |
| 30-34                        | 73                                                                                   | 73                                                                                    | 56                                                                             | 73                                                                         | 39       | 24.4     | 48       | 54       |
| 35-39                        | 76                                                                                   | 79                                                                                    | 59                                                                             | 74                                                                         | 37       | 24.4     | 58       | 59       |
| 40-44                        | 76                                                                                   | 75                                                                                    | 58                                                                             | 68                                                                         | 32       | 32.6     | 54       | 56       |
| 45-49                        | 75                                                                                   | 79                                                                                    | 56                                                                             | 73                                                                         | 35       | 30.1     | 46       | 58       |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                |                                                                            |          |          |          |          |
| Lower                        | 73                                                                                   | 73                                                                                    | 56                                                                             | 76                                                                         | 39       | 31.1     | 52       | 55       |
| Medium                       | 76                                                                                   | 77                                                                                    | 63                                                                             | 72                                                                         | 37       | 23.5     | 54       | 58       |
| Higher                       | 72                                                                                   | 77                                                                                    | 48                                                                             | 65                                                                         | 20       | 13.1     | 47       | 48       |
| Not known*                   | 66                                                                                   |                                                                                       | 69                                                                             |                                                                            | 40       |          | 71       |          |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                |                                                                            |          |          |          |          |
| No difficulty                |                                                                                      | 74                                                                                    |                                                                                | 75                                                                         |          | 26.9     |          | 54       |
| Some difficulty              |                                                                                      | 75                                                                                    |                                                                                | 73                                                                         |          | 26.6     |          | 57       |
| A lot of difficulty          |                                                                                      | 73                                                                                    |                                                                                | 61                                                                         |          | 18.8     |          | 45       |
| Cannot do at all             |                                                                                      | 88                                                                                    |                                                                                | 84                                                                         |          | 21.9     |          | 78       |

\* A small number of cases could not be disaggregated by education or socio-economic status in the 2009 data for these questions.

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Table 11.9a: Attitudes on physical partner violence: unweighted percentage of women aged 15-49 who said they agree that a man has good reason to hit his wife for reasons stated below, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2337 in 2009 and N=2245 in 2024) – continued in 11.9b

|                                             | Percentage of women who agree that a man has a good reason to hit his wife if: |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------|------|
|                                             | "Reason to hit: not complete housework" (%)                                    |      | "Reason to hit: wife disobeys him" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: wife refuses sex" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: wife asks about girlfriends" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: husband suspects wife unfaithful" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: husband finds out wife unfaithful" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: bride price has NOT been paid" (%) |      |
|                                             | 2009                                                                           | 2024 | 2009                                   | 2024 | 2009                                  | 2024 | 2009                                             | 2024 | 2009                                                  | 2024 | 2009                                                   | 2024 | 2009                                               | 2024 |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | 18                                                                             | 18   | 34                                     | 34   | 15                                    | 16   | 15                                               | 15   | 17                                                    | 22   | 38                                                     | 44   | 11                                                 | 10   |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                                                                                |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
| Urban                                       | 17                                                                             | 17   | 40                                     | 30   | 14                                    | 8    | 13                                               | 11   | 15                                                    | 20   | 59                                                     | 46   | 10                                                 | 7    |
| Rural                                       | 18                                                                             | 18   | 33                                     | 35   | 16                                    | 18   | 16                                               | 16   | 18                                                    | 22   | 32                                                     | 44   | 11                                                 | 11   |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                                                                                |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
| Torba                                       | 4                                                                              | 14   | 7                                      | 27   | 3                                     | 6    | 2                                                | 8    | 3                                                     | 21   | 7                                                      | 48   | 10                                                 | 3    |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                | 20                                                                             | 22   | 38                                     | 34   | 15                                    | 10   | 12                                               | 14   | 12                                                    | 19   | 30                                                     | 43   | 11                                                 | 11   |
| Penama                                      | 30                                                                             | 4    | 52                                     | 13   | 27                                    | 7    | 24                                               | 4    | 29                                                    | 7    | 45                                                     | 29   | 12                                                 | 4    |
| Malampa                                     | 14                                                                             | 23   | 23                                     | 47   | 19                                    | 16   | 16                                               | 11   | 20                                                    | 18   | 27                                                     | 59   | 14                                                 | 7    |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                 | 23                                                                             | 30   | 42                                     | 44   | 22                                    | 21   | 29                                               | 26   | 31                                                    | 34   | 52                                                     | 46   | 15                                                 | 17   |
| Tafea                                       | 17                                                                             | 13   | 38                                     | 28   | 11                                    | 13   | 11                                               | 11   | 11                                                    | 16   | 35                                                     | 22   | 5                                                  | 10   |
| Port Vila                                   | 19                                                                             | 17   | 32                                     | 31   | 18                                    | 10   | 16                                               | 15   | 24                                                    | 29   | 61                                                     | 53   | 11                                                 | 7    |
| Luganville                                  | 15                                                                             | 12   | 49                                     | 33   | 10                                    | 29   | 10                                               | 19   | 6                                                     | 21   | 57                                                     | 45   | 8                                                  | 15   |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                                                                                |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
| No education                                | 21                                                                             | 23   | 31                                     | 36   | 15                                    | 27   | 12                                               | 15   | 12                                                    | 20   | 23                                                     | 38   | 12                                                 | 17   |
| Primary                                     | 21                                                                             | 21   | 38                                     | 35   | 21                                    | 20   | 18                                               | 16   | 21                                                    | 24   | 38                                                     | 44   | 13                                                 | 11   |
| Secondary                                   | 14                                                                             | 15   | 33                                     | 33   | 10                                    | 13   | 12                                               | 14   | 13                                                    | 21   | 43                                                     | 45   | 8                                                  | 9    |
| Higher/Tertiary                             | 1                                                                              | 14   | 12                                     | 25   | 3                                     | 4    | 7                                                | 11   | 10                                                    | 23   | 34                                                     | 39   | 5                                                  | 7    |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>              |                                                                                |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
| 15-19                                       | 26                                                                             | 24   | 42                                     | 44   | 13                                    | 14   | 15                                               | 13   | 19                                                    | 24   | 45                                                     | 44   | 11                                                 | 9    |

|                              | Percentage of women who agree that a man has a good reason to hit his wife if: |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------|------|
|                              | "Reason to hit: not complete housework" (%)                                    |      | "Reason to hit: wife disobeys him" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: wife refuses sex" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: wife asks about girlfriends" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: husband suspects wife unfaithful" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: husband finds out wife unfaithful" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: bride price has NOT been paid" (%) |      |
|                              | 2009                                                                           | 2024 | 2009                                   | 2024 | 2009                                  | 2024 | 2009                                             | 2024 | 2009                                                  | 2024 | 2009                                                   | 2024 | 2009                                               | 2024 |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 18                                                                             | 18   | 34                                     | 34   | 15                                    | 16   | 15                                               | 15   | 17                                                    | 22   | 38                                                     | 44   | 11                                                 | 10   |
| 15-17                        |                                                                                | 28   |                                        | 45   |                                       | 15   |                                                  | 16   |                                                       | 30   |                                                        | 47   |                                                    | 12   |
| 18-19                        |                                                                                | 20   |                                        | 4    |                                       | 13   |                                                  | 9    |                                                       | 18   |                                                        | 40   |                                                    | 6    |
| 20-24                        | 20                                                                             | 17   | 42                                     | 40   | 17                                    | 16   | 16                                               | 21   | 18                                                    | 25   | 42                                                     | 51   | 13                                                 | 10   |
| 25-29                        | 17                                                                             | 18   | 3                                      | 33   | 17                                    | 16   | 17                                               | 15   | 17                                                    | 22   | 40                                                     | 43   | 9                                                  | 12   |
| 30-34                        | 14                                                                             | 14   | 29                                     | 29   | 12                                    | 12   | 10                                               | 14   | 15                                                    | 18   | 34                                                     | 42   | 9                                                  | 7    |
| 35-39                        | 17                                                                             | 19   | 32                                     | 29   | 19                                    | 15   | 18                                               | 13   | 19                                                    | 22   | 39                                                     | 45   | 15                                                 | 10   |
| 40-44                        | 16                                                                             | 17   | 34                                     | 35   | 17                                    | 19   | 15                                               | 12   | 19                                                    | 21   | 36                                                     | 45   | 10                                                 | 12   |
| 45-49                        | 12                                                                             | 17   | 27                                     | 32   | 13                                    | 20   | 13                                               | 16   | 12                                                    | 24   | 30                                                     | 40   | 9                                                  | 11   |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                                                                |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
| Lower                        | 20                                                                             | 19   | 35                                     | 35   | 19                                    | 21   | 16                                               | 16   | 18                                                    | 22   | 33                                                     | 43   | 13                                                 | 12   |
| Medium                       | 17                                                                             | 17   | 35                                     | 34   | 15                                    | 11   | 15                                               | 15   | 17                                                    | 22   | 41                                                     | 47   | 10                                                 | 8    |
| High                         | 14                                                                             | 14   | 29                                     | 27   | 10                                    | 7    | 11                                               | 9    | 14                                                    | 21   | 43                                                     | 43   | 8                                                  | 7    |
| Not known*                   | 14                                                                             |      | 44                                     |      | 5                                     |      | 8                                                |      | 7                                                     |      | 65                                                     |      | 8                                                  |      |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                                                                |      |                                        |      |                                       |      |                                                  |      |                                                       |      |                                                        |      |                                                    |      |
| No difficulty                |                                                                                | 15   |                                        | 34   |                                       | 19   |                                                  | 16   |                                                       | 22   |                                                        | 45   |                                                    | 11   |
| Some difficulty              |                                                                                | 20   |                                        | 33   |                                       | 13   |                                                  | 14   |                                                       | 22   |                                                        | 43   |                                                    | 9    |
| A lot of difficulty          |                                                                                | 18   |                                        | 34   |                                       | 12   |                                                  | 10   |                                                       | 23   |                                                        | 45   |                                                    | 9    |
| Cannot do at all             |                                                                                | 22   |                                        | 50   |                                       | 25   |                                                  | 25   |                                                       | 34   |                                                        | 66   |                                                    | 13   |

\* A small number of cases could not be disaggregated by socio-economic status in the 2009 data for these questions.

Blank/shaded cells indicate that there is no comparable data from 2009 due to different questions on disability asked in 2009 compared with 2024.



|                              | Percentage of women who agree that a man has a good reason to hit his wife if: |      |                                                             |      |                                                            |      |                                                    |      | Percentage of women who agree with:      |      |                                   |      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
|                              | "Reason to hit: bride price HAS been paid" (%)                                 |      | "Reason to hit: she is living in his house/on his land" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: discipline, taught a lesson, educated" (%) |      | "Reason to hit: she is unable to get pregnant" (%) |      | One or more of the reasons mentioned (%) |      | None of the reasons mentioned (%) |      |
|                              | 2009                                                                           | 2024 | 2009                                                        | 2024 | 2009                                                       | 2024 | 2009                                               | 2024 | 2009                                     | 2024 | 2009                              | 2024 |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 32                                                                             | 29   | 14                                                          | 10   | 28                                                         | 26   | 19                                                 | 20   | 60                                       | 64   | 37                                | 36   |
| 15-19                        | 39                                                                             | 36   | 20                                                          | 14   | 31                                                         | 28   | 17                                                 | 13   |                                          | 64.  |                                   | 36   |
| 15-17                        |                                                                                | 39   |                                                             | 18   |                                                            | 32   |                                                    | 16   |                                          | 67   |                                   | 33   |
| 18-19                        |                                                                                | 33   |                                                             | 10   |                                                            | 22   |                                                    | 10   |                                          | 61   |                                   | 39   |
| 20-24                        | 33                                                                             | 34   | 17                                                          | 15   | 31                                                         | 30   | 22                                                 | 22   |                                          | 70   |                                   | 30   |
| 25-29                        | 34                                                                             | 32   | 15                                                          | 10   | 28                                                         | 27   | 20                                                 | 22   |                                          | 63   |                                   | 37   |
| 30-34                        | 27                                                                             | 24   | 10                                                          | 9    | 24                                                         | 22   | 15                                                 | 18   |                                          | 61   |                                   | 39.  |
| 35-39                        | 35                                                                             | 26   | 16                                                          | 10   | 30                                                         | 27   | 22                                                 | 19   |                                          | 66   |                                   | 34   |
| 40-44                        | 34                                                                             | 25   | 12                                                          | 9    | 31                                                         | 26   | 22                                                 | 19   |                                          | 61   |                                   | 39   |
| 45-49                        | 27                                                                             | 28   | 10                                                          | 9    | 27                                                         | 25   | 15                                                 | 24   |                                          | 60   |                                   | 40   |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                                                                |      |                                                             |      |                                                            |      |                                                    |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |
| Lower                        | 35                                                                             | 31   | 16                                                          | 11   | 29                                                         | 26   | 23                                                 | 25   |                                          | 63   |                                   | 37   |
| Medium                       | 32                                                                             | 28   | 14                                                          | 10   | 30                                                         | 28   | 18                                                 | 15   |                                          | 67   |                                   | 33   |
| High                         | 25                                                                             | 21   | 11                                                          | 9    | 20                                                         | 23   | 12                                                 | 11   |                                          | 59   |                                   | 41   |
| Not known*                   | 43                                                                             |      | 19                                                          |      | 42                                                         |      | 13                                                 |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                                                                |      |                                                             |      |                                                            |      |                                                    |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |
| No difficulty                |                                                                                | 28   |                                                             | 10   |                                                            | 24   |                                                    | 22   |                                          | 64   |                                   | 36   |
| Some difficulty              |                                                                                | 30   |                                                             | 11   |                                                            | 28   |                                                    | 18   |                                          | 63   |                                   | 37   |
| A lot of difficulty          |                                                                                | 21   |                                                             | 8    |                                                            | 27   |                                                    | 15   |                                          | 64   |                                   | 36   |
| Cannot do at all             |                                                                                | 47   |                                                             | 16   |                                                            | 38   |                                                    | 34   |                                          | 81   |                                   | 19   |

\* A small number of cases could not be disaggregated by socio-economic status in the 2009 data for these questions.

Blank/shaded cells indicate that there is no comparable data from 2009.



|                              | Percentage of women who agreed with                         |      |                                                              |      |                                                     |      |                                                                   |      |                                                                        |      |                                                                           |      |                                                                     |      |                                                                   |      |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
|                              | "A married woman can refuse sex if she doesn't want to" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if her husband is drunk" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if she is sick" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if her husband mistreats her" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if she suspects/ knows he is HIV+" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if she suspects/ knows he has an STI" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if he has sex with other women" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if he has sex with other men" (%) |      |
|                              | 2009                                                        | 2024 | 2009                                                         | 2024 | 2009                                                | 2024 | 2009                                                              | 2024 | 2009                                                                   | 2024 | 2009                                                                      | 2024 | 2009                                                                | 2024 | 2009                                                              | 2024 |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 81                                                          | 64   | 77                                                           | 71   | 87                                                  | 78   | 84                                                                | 76   | 88                                                                     | 80   | 88                                                                        | 80   | 87                                                                  | 80   | 86                                                                | 78   |
| 15-19                        | 79                                                          | 58   | 76                                                           | 63.3 | 83                                                  | 73   | 80                                                                | 69.0 | 86                                                                     | 74   | 85                                                                        | 75   | 3                                                                   | 74   | 79                                                                | 72.9 |
| 15-17                        |                                                             | 58   |                                                              | 65   |                                                     | 69   |                                                                   | 69   |                                                                        | 72   |                                                                           | 73   |                                                                     | 72   |                                                                   | 73   |
| 18-19                        |                                                             | 58   |                                                              | 61   |                                                     | 77   |                                                                   | 69   |                                                                        | 77   |                                                                           | 77   |                                                                     | 76   |                                                                   | 73   |
| 20-24                        | 83                                                          | 62   | 80                                                           | 67   | 87                                                  | 76   | 84                                                                | 77   | 88                                                                     | 81   | 88                                                                        | 80   | 89                                                                  | 79   | 87                                                                | 75   |
| 25-29                        | 80                                                          | 64   | 79                                                           | 72   | 89                                                  | 79   | 85                                                                | 79   | 89                                                                     | 82   | 89                                                                        | 82   | 87                                                                  | 82   | 86                                                                | 81   |
| 30-34                        | 84                                                          | 68   | 78                                                           | 74   | 88                                                  | 80   | 86                                                                | 74   | 89                                                                     | 80   | 89                                                                        | 81   | 88                                                                  | 81   | 88                                                                | 80   |
| 35-39                        | 78                                                          | 68   | 74                                                           | 75   | 86                                                  | 80   | 83                                                                | 79   | 86                                                                     | 82   | 86                                                                        | 83   | 83                                                                  | 82   | 84                                                                | 80   |
| 40-44                        | 83                                                          | 66   | 78                                                           | 74   | 88                                                  | 80   | 87                                                                | 78   | 91                                                                     | 81   | 90                                                                        | 81   | 89                                                                  | 80   | 89                                                                | 78   |
| 45-49                        | 85                                                          | 62   | 75                                                           | 69   | 88                                                  | 77   | 85                                                                | 73   | 91                                                                     | 78   | 91                                                                        | 78   | 89                                                                  | 79   | 90                                                                | 76   |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                                             |      |                                                              |      |                                                     |      |                                                                   |      |                                                                        |      |                                                                           |      |                                                                     |      |                                                                   |      |
| Lower                        | 80                                                          | 65   | 80                                                           | 74   | 87                                                  | 80   | 85                                                                | 78   | 88                                                                     | 82   | 88                                                                        | 82   | 87                                                                  | 81   | 87                                                                | 80   |
| Medium                       | 82                                                          | 64   | 76                                                           | 69   | 86                                                  | 76   | 85                                                                | 74   | 89                                                                     | 79   | 88                                                                        | 79   | 87                                                                  | 79   | 86                                                                | 77   |
| Higher                       | 85                                                          | 64   | 73                                                           | 68   | 88                                                  | 75   | 82                                                                | 73   | 85                                                                     | 75   | 85                                                                        | 75   | 86                                                                  | 76   | 84                                                                | 74   |
| Not known*                   | 78                                                          |      | 69                                                           |      | 90                                                  |      | 80                                                                |      | 93                                                                     |      | 93                                                                        |      | 80                                                                  |      | 82                                                                |      |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                                             |      |                                                              |      |                                                     |      |                                                                   |      |                                                                        |      |                                                                           |      |                                                                     |      |                                                                   |      |
| No difficulty                |                                                             | 63   |                                                              | 71   |                                                     | 76   |                                                                   | 73   |                                                                        | 77   |                                                                           | 78   |                                                                     | 78   |                                                                   | 75   |
| Some difficulty              |                                                             | 65   |                                                              | 71   |                                                     | 80   |                                                                   | 78   |                                                                        | 82   |                                                                           | 82   |                                                                     | 81   |                                                                   | 80   |
| A lot of difficulty          |                                                             | 67   |                                                              | 78   |                                                     | 80   |                                                                   | 82   |                                                                        | 84   |                                                                           | 84   |                                                                     | 84   |                                                                   | 81   |
| Cannot do at all             |                                                             | 56   |                                                              | 72   |                                                     | 78   |                                                                   | 75   |                                                                        | 78   |                                                                           | 78   |                                                                     | 78   |                                                                   | 78   |

\* A small number of cases could not be disaggregated by socio-economic status in the 2009 data. Blank/shaded cells indicate that there is no comparable data from 2009.



Table 11.10b: Attitudes on sexual partner violence: unweighted percentage of women aged 15-49 who said they agree that a married woman can refuse to have sex with her husband for reasons stated below, comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=2337 in 2009 and N=2245 in 2024) – continued from 11.10a

|                                             | Percentage of women who agreed with                                       |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      | Percentage of women who agree with:      |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|
|                                             | "A married woman can refuse sex if she does not want to get pregnant" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if bride price has NOT been paid" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if bride price HAS been paid" (%) |      | One or more of the reasons mentioned (%) |      | None of the reasons mentioned (%) |      | All of the reasons mentioned (%) |      |
|                                             | 2009                                                                      | 2024 | 2009                                                                  | 2024 | 2009                                                              | 2024 | 2009                                     | 2024 | 2009                              | 2024 | 2009                             | 2024 |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>                        | 80                                                                        | 69   | 61                                                                    | 47   | 60                                                                | 47   | 96                                       | 91   | 4                                 | 9    |                                  | 24   |
| <b>Urban- Rural</b>                         |                                                                           |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
| Urban                                       | 76                                                                        | 62   | 57                                                                    | 29   | 48                                                                | 35   |                                          | 79   |                                   | 21   |                                  | 14   |
| Rural                                       | 81                                                                        | 70   | 62                                                                    | 51   | 63                                                                | 50   |                                          | 94   |                                   | 6    |                                  | 30   |
| <b>Location (province &amp; urban area)</b> |                                                                           |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
| Torba                                       | 75                                                                        | 47   | 61                                                                    | 11   | 71                                                                | 18   |                                          | 64   |                                   | 36   |                                  | 3    |
| Sanma (excluding Luganville)                | 79                                                                        | 80   | 50                                                                    | 49   | 59                                                                | 56   |                                          | 97   |                                   | 3    |                                  | 27   |
| Penama                                      | 82                                                                        | 79   | 60                                                                    | 64   | 45                                                                | 59   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 38   |
| Malampa                                     | 92                                                                        | 70   | 84                                                                    | 52   | 79                                                                | 42   |                                          | 99   |                                   | 1    |                                  | 19   |
| Shefa (excluding Port Vila)                 | 67                                                                        | 50   | 54                                                                    | 38   | 60                                                                | 34   |                                          | 85   |                                   | 15   |                                  | 11   |
| Tafea                                       | 88                                                                        | 89   | 66                                                                    | 61   | 64                                                                | 54   |                                          | 100  |                                   | 0    |                                  | 37   |
| Port Vila                                   | 83                                                                        | 74   | 67                                                                    | 44   | 64                                                                | 57   |                                          | 90   |                                   | 10   |                                  | 26   |
| Luganville                                  | 69                                                                        | 69   | 47                                                                    | 53   | 31                                                                | 58   |                                          | 97   |                                   | 3    |                                  | 31   |
| <b>Education of respondent</b>              |                                                                           |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
| No education                                | 76                                                                        | 73   | 61                                                                    | 59   | 60                                                                | 59   |                                          | 96   |                                   | 4.   |                                  | 34   |
| Primary                                     | 81                                                                        | 70   | 64                                                                    | 48   | 62                                                                | 49   |                                          | 93   |                                   | 7    |                                  | 25   |
| Secondary                                   | 79                                                                        | 67   | 57                                                                    | 45   | 55                                                                | 45   |                                          | 89   |                                   | 11   |                                  | 22   |
| Higher/Tertiary                             | 78                                                                        | 72   | 68                                                                    | 39   | 64                                                                | 39   |                                          | 94   |                                   | 6    |                                  | 18   |
| <b>Age group of respondent</b>              |                                                                           |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
| 15-19                                       | 72                                                                        | 66   | 61                                                                    | 41   | 56                                                                | 45   |                                          | 84   |                                   | 16   |                                  | 21   |

|                              | Percentage of women who agreed with                                       |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      | Percentage of women who agree with:      |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|
|                              | "A married woman can refuse sex if she does not want to get pregnant" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if bride price has NOT been paid" (%) |      | "A married woman can refuse sex if bride price HAS been paid" (%) |      | One or more of the reasons mentioned (%) |      | None of the reasons mentioned (%) |      | All of the reasons mentioned (%) |      |
|                              | 2009                                                                      | 2024 | 2009                                                                  | 2024 | 2009                                                              | 2024 | 2009                                     | 2024 | 2009                              | 2024 | 2009                             | 2024 |
| <b>Total Vanuatu</b>         | 80                                                                        | 69   | 61                                                                    | 47   | 60                                                                | 47   | 96                                       | 91   | 4                                 | 9    |                                  | 24   |
| 15-17                        |                                                                           | 64   |                                                                       | 41   |                                                                   | 42   |                                          | 83   |                                   | 17   |                                  | 21   |
| 18-19                        |                                                                           | 68   |                                                                       | 43   |                                                                   | 47   |                                          | 86   |                                   | 14   |                                  | 22   |
| 20-24                        | 78                                                                        | 66.  | 59                                                                    | 45   | 60                                                                | 47   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 21   |
| 25-29                        | 80                                                                        | 74   | 63                                                                    | 50   | 60                                                                | 52   |                                          | 94   |                                   | 6    |                                  | 25   |
| 30-34                        | 84                                                                        | 68   | 63                                                                    | 46   | 61                                                                | 46   |                                          | 92   |                                   | 8    |                                  | 24   |
| 35-39                        | 80                                                                        | 72   | 57                                                                    | 48   | 56                                                                | 48   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 25   |
| 40-44                        | 84                                                                        | 67   | 63                                                                    | 48   | 62                                                                | 45   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 27   |
| 45-49                        | 81                                                                        | 66   | 64                                                                    | 45   | 64                                                                | 49   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 21   |
| <b>Socio-economic status</b> |                                                                           |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
| Lower                        | 82                                                                        | 69   | 65                                                                    | 52   | 63                                                                | 50   |                                          | 94   |                                   | 6    |                                  | 26   |
| Medium                       | 78                                                                        | 67   | 58                                                                    | 42   | 60                                                                | 46   |                                          | 89   |                                   | 11   |                                  | 21   |
| Higher                       | 77                                                                        | 70   | 60                                                                    | 37   | 56                                                                | 43   |                                          | 85   |                                   | 15   |                                  | 19   |
| Not known*                   | 76                                                                        |      | 48                                                                    |      | 31                                                                |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
| <b>Disability status</b>     |                                                                           |      |                                                                       |      |                                                                   |      |                                          |      |                                   |      |                                  |      |
| No difficulty                |                                                                           | 68   |                                                                       | 43   |                                                                   | 46   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 23   |
| Some difficulty              |                                                                           | 69   |                                                                       | 50   |                                                                   | 49   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 24   |
| A lot of difficulty          |                                                                           | 69   |                                                                       | 50   |                                                                   | 45   |                                          | 90   |                                   | 10   |                                  | 23   |
| Cannot do at all             |                                                                           | 72   |                                                                       | 41   |                                                                   | 44   |                                          | 91   |                                   | 9    |                                  | 13   |

\* A small number of cases could not be disaggregated by socio-economic status in the 2009 data. Blank/shaded cells indicate that there is no comparable data from 2009.

Table 11.11a. Situations leading to violence, as reported by women aged 15-49 who ever experienced physical partner violence, unweighted comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N=1029 in 2009 and N=1053 in 2024) – continued in 11.11b

|              | No particular reason (%) |      | Partner drunk on alcohol (%) |      | Partner drunk on kava (%) |      | Money problems (%) |      | Difficulties with his work (%) |      | He is unemployed (%) |      | No food at home (%) |      | Problems with his or her family (%) |      | She is pregnant (%) |      |
|--------------|--------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
|              | 2009                     | 2024 | 2009                         | 2024 | 2009                      | 2024 | 2009               | 2024 | 2009                           | 2024 | 2009                 | 2024 | 2009                | 2024 | 2009                                | 2024 | 2009                | 2024 |
| <b>Total</b> | 30                       | 3    | 17                           | 33   | 9                         | 10   | 8                  | 9    | 1                              | 1    | 2                    | 2    | 20                  | 12   | 9                                   | 8    | 2                   | 2    |

Table 11.11b: Situations leading to violence, as reported by women aged 15-49 who ever experienced physical partner violence, unweighted comparison between 2009 and 2024 (N= 1029 in 2009 and N=1053 in 2024) – continued from 11.11a.

|              | He is jealous of her (%) |      | She refuses sex (%) |      | She is disobedient (%) |      | During festivities (%) |      | He wants to teach her a lesson, educate or discipline her (%) |      | She is unable to get pregnant (%) |      | He wants to show he is boss (%) |      | He has had marijuana or drugs (%) |      | He has returned from overseas study or work (%) |      | Other problems (%) |      |
|--------------|--------------------------|------|---------------------|------|------------------------|------|------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------|------|
|              | 2009                     | 2024 | 2009                | 2024 | 2009                   | 2024 | 2009                   | 2024 | 2009                                                          | 2024 | 2009                              | 2024 | 2009                            | 2024 | 2009                              | 2024 | 2009                                            | 2024 | 2009               | 2024 |
| <b>Total</b> | 27                       | 35   | 15                  | 11   | 19                     | 14   | 9                      | 18   | 5                                                             | 3    | 1                                 | 1    |                                 | 5    |                                   | 3    |                                                 | 2    | 17                 | 5    |

## Annex 3: Methodology for Developing an Asset Index to Measure Household Socioeconomic Status in Vanuatu

### 1. INTRODUCTION<sup>23</sup>

The Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships collected information on a number of individual variables reflecting different dimensions of household asset ownership used to proxy household socioeconomic status (SES). This report describes the method used to develop a single measure index of household SES or "asset index" using this information. A key issue in deriving an asset index using different indicators is how to assign weights to the individual variables. Principal components analysis (PCA) is a commonly used approach of statistically deriving weights for asset indices. PCA is a multivariate statistical technique that reduces the number of variables in a data set into a smaller number of components. Each component is a weighted combination of the original variables. The higher the degree of correlation among the original variables in the data, the fewer components required to capture the common information.

An important property of the components derived is that they are uncorrelated, therefore each component captures a dimension in the data. The next section details the steps taken to derive a PCA-based asset index.

### 2. METHOD

Guided by Vyas and Kumaranayake (2006) this study undertook three steps to derive a PCA-based asset index: first, a descriptive analysis; second, the construction of the PCA-based asset index; and third, the classification of households into asset wealth groups. The analysis was conducted using STATA version 17.0 statistical software.

#### 2.1 Descriptive analysis

The first step was to conduct descriptive analysis, which involved establishing the overall sample size, the frequency of each variable and patterns of missing data for individual variables. This descriptive analysis was essential exploratory work to ensure data quality, and appropriate data coding and recoding for further analysis.

#### Overall sample size

The total number of dwellings visited was 3,553 and a household selection form was administered and completed in 3,159 households. The asset index was, therefore, constructed using data from the 3,159 households where full household questionnaire data were collected.

#### Frequency analysis

The purpose of the frequency analysis was to establish the extent to which the variables are distributed across the households and to inform subsequent coding of the variables. An issue with PCA is that it works best when variables are correlated, but also when the distribution of variables varies across cases. It is the assets that are more unequally distributed between households that are given more weight in PCA. For example, an asset which all households own or which no households own would exhibit no variation between households and would carry a weight close to zero from a PCA. A second issue with PCA is that data in categorical form are not suitable for inclusion in the

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<sup>23</sup> The method was developed, implemented and written up by Seema Vyas, UNFPA APRO kNOWVAWdata consultant.

analysis. This is because the categories are converted into a quantitative scale which does not have any meaning. To avoid this, qualitative categorical variables are recoded into binary variables.

The Vanuatu survey gathered information on three household infrastructure characteristics—source of drinking water; type of sanitation facility; and type of roofing—whether the household has electricity, whether the household has durable assets—a radio, television, air conditioner, refrigerator, washing machine, microwave oven, cooking stove, clothes iron, table, chair, bed frame, mattress, and solar light or lamp—ownership of a range of vehicles—bicycle; motorbike; car; truck/4 wheel drive; speedboat; and canoe—ownership of land, and the number of rooms in the house for sleeping and the total number of people in the household. A description and frequency distribution of the variables for the total sample is shown in Table 1.

The primary sources of water varied among households. The most frequently reported source was rainwater collected in tanks, utilised by 38.8% of households. This was followed by an outdoor tap located within the household premises, used by 25.5% of households, and indoor tap water, accessed by 12.4%. Additional sources included public facilities such as taps, wells, and handpump wells. Notably, slightly over 5% of households relied on rivers, streams, or other flowing water sources as their main supply.

The most common type of sanitation facility was a traditional pit toilet, used by 42.6% of households. This was followed by privately owned flush toilets (27.5%) and ventilated pit latrines (23.9%). A small proportion of households reported using a river, canal, or sea (0.7%) or having no sanitation facility at all (0.3%). Regarding roofing materials, the two predominant types were corrugated iron, reported by 59.8% of households, and roofs made from natural materials, reported by 34.7%.

Nearly 90% of households reported having solar lights or lamps, while less than one-third (29.6%) had access to electric lighting within the home. The majority of households owned basic furniture, such as tables and chairs, and nearly all households possessed a mattress. Ownership of durable household items varied significantly, ranging from 2.2% for air conditioners to 37.3% for cooking stoves.

**Table 1: Frequency of household infrastructure and asset ownership variables**

| Variable long name / short name     | Categories                        | N= 3,159 | % /Range |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Main source of drinking water / q01 | Tap/piped water inside the house  | 391      | 12.4     |
|                                     | Outside tap (piped water) with HH | 804      | 25.5     |
|                                     | Public tap                        | 196      | 6.2      |
|                                     | Well-water in household           | 203      | 6.4      |
|                                     | Public well                       | 56       | 1.8      |
|                                     | Handpump well with household      | 26       | 0.8      |
|                                     | Public handpump well              | 20       | 0.6      |
|                                     | River/small creek/lake/spring     | 169      | 5.3      |
|                                     | Rainwater tank                    | 1,226    | 38.8     |
|                                     | Rainwater drum                    | 38       | 1.2      |
|                                     | Bottled water from shop           | 20       | 0.6      |
|                                     | Other                             | 10       | 0.3      |
|                                     | Don't know                        |          |          |
|                                     | Refused/no answer                 |          |          |

| Variable long name / short name   | Categories                     | N= 3,159 | % /Range |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Type of sanitation facility / q02 | Own flush toilet               | 870      | 27.5     |
|                                   | Shared flush toilet            | 83       | 2.6      |
|                                   | VIP latrine in the household   | 756      | 23.9     |
|                                   | Public VIP latrine             | 73       | 2.3      |
|                                   | Traditional pit toilet/latrine | 1,345    | 42.6     |
|                                   | River/canal/sea                | 22       | 0.7      |
|                                   | No facility/bush/field         | 9        | 0.3      |
|                                   | Other                          | 1        | 0.0      |
|                                   | Don't know                     |          |          |
|                                   | Refused/no answer              |          |          |
| Roof materials / q03              | Roof from natural materials    | 1,096    | 34.7     |
|                                   | Temporary roof                 | 41       | 1.3      |
|                                   | Wood/timber                    | 22       | 0.7      |
|                                   | Tiled or concrete roof         | 108      | 3.4      |
|                                   | Corrugated iron                | 1,890    | 59.8     |
|                                   | Other                          | 2        | 0.1      |
|                                   | Don't know                     |          |          |
|                                   | Refused/no answer              |          |          |
| Electric light / q04a             | Yes                            | 935      | 29.6     |
|                                   | No                             | 2,224    | 70.4     |
|                                   | Don't know                     |          |          |
| Radio / q04b                      | Yes                            | 671      | 21.2     |
|                                   | No                             | 2,487    | 78.7     |
|                                   | Don't know                     | 1        | 0.0      |
| Television / q04c                 | Yes                            | 567      | 17.9     |
|                                   | No                             | 2,588    | 81.9     |
|                                   | Don't know                     | 4        | 0.1      |
| Air conditioner / q04d            | Yes                            | 71       | 2.2      |
|                                   | No                             | 3,086    | 97.7     |
|                                   | Don't know                     | 2        | 0.1      |
| Refrigerator / q04e               | Yes                            | 780      | 24.7     |
|                                   | No                             | 2,378    | 75.3     |
|                                   | Don't know                     | 1        | 0.0      |
| Washing machine / q04f            | Yes                            | 210      | 6.6      |
|                                   | No                             | 2,944    | 93.2     |
|                                   | Don't know                     | 5        | 0.2      |
| Microwave oven / q04g             | Yes                            | 139      | 4.4      |
|                                   | No                             | 3,019    | 95.6     |
|                                   | Don't know                     | 1        | 0.0      |
| Cooking stove / q04h              | Yes                            | 1,178    | 37.3     |
|                                   | No                             | 1,978    | 62.6     |
|                                   | Don't know                     | 3        | 0.1      |

| Variable long name / short name         | Categories | N= 3,159 | % /Range |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Clothes iron / q04i                     | Yes        | 339      | 10.7     |
|                                         | No         | 2,818    | 89.2     |
|                                         | Don't know | 2        | 0.1      |
| Table / q04j                            | Yes        | 2,493    | 78.9     |
|                                         | No         | 666      | 21.1     |
|                                         | Don't know |          |          |
| Chair / q04k                            | Yes        | 2,383    | 75.4     |
|                                         | No         | 776      | 24.6     |
|                                         | Don't know |          | 0.0      |
| Bed / q04l                              | Yes        | 1,751    | 55.4     |
|                                         | No         | 1,407    | 44.5     |
|                                         | Don't know | 1        | 0.0      |
| Mattress / q04m                         | Yes        | 3,097    | 98.0     |
|                                         | No         | 61       | 1.9      |
|                                         | Don't know | 1        | 0.0      |
| Solar light or lamp / q04n              | Yes        | 2,823    | 89.4     |
|                                         | No         | 336      | 10.6     |
|                                         | Don't know |          |          |
| Bicycle / q05a                          | Yes        | 775      | 24.5     |
|                                         | No         | 2,383    | 75.4     |
|                                         | Don't know | 1        | 0.0      |
| Motorcycle / q05b                       | Yes        | 72       | 2.3      |
|                                         | No         | 3,085    | 97.7     |
|                                         | Don't know | 2        | 0.1      |
| Car / q05c                              | Yes        | 185      | 5.9      |
|                                         | No         | 2,974    | 94.1     |
|                                         | Don't know |          |          |
| Truck, Hilux, 4-wheel drive / q05d      | Yes        | 330      | 10.4     |
|                                         | No         | 2,825    | 89.4     |
|                                         | Don't know | 4        | 0.1      |
| Speedboat with engine / q05e            | Yes        | 187      | 5.9      |
|                                         | No         | 2,968    | 94.0     |
|                                         | Don't know | 4        | 0.1      |
| Canoe / q05f                            | Yes        | 262      | 8.3      |
|                                         | No         | 2,888    | 91.4     |
|                                         | Don't know | 9        | 0.3      |
| Someone in household owns land / q06    | Yes        | 2,778    | 87.9     |
|                                         | No         | 380      | 12.0     |
|                                         | Don't know | 1        | 0.0      |
| Number of persons living in HH / hh1    |            | 3,159    | 0-21     |
| Number of rooms used for sleeping / q07 |            | 3,159    | 0-24     |



## 2.2 Analytical approach

### Coding of variables

Table 2 outlines the coding scheme for each indicator used in the construction of the household asset index. This process was informed by a consultation with the Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC) and insights from the 2009 *Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships* (VWC and VNSO 2011), which provided contextual understanding of how various items reflect household socioeconomic status (SES).

Based on the distribution of water source categories, these were consolidated into five indicators. Tap or piped water inside the house, identified as an indicator of high household SES in the Vanuatu Survey 2009 and validated by the VWC, was combined with handpump wells within the household and bottled water purchased from shops into the category *In house tap or well/bottled*. Outside taps and well-water on the household premises were grouped into *Tap/well outside premise*. Public water sources, including taps, wells, and handpump wells, were merged into the category *Public tap/well*. Given its high response rate, rainwater tank was retained as a distinct category. Finally, river or small creek water, rainwater drums, and other sources were grouped under *Basic water supply*.

For the household's primary toilet facility, flush toilets and ventilated pit latrines within the household were grouped into the category *Own flush/latrine*. Shared flush toilets and public ventilated latrines were combined to form the category *Public flush/latrine*. Due to its high response rate, traditional pit toilets/latrines were retained as a separate category, *Pit toilet/latrine*. The remaining categories, including river/canal/sea, no facility/bush/field, and other, were consolidated under *No sanitation facility*.

Regarding roofing materials, responses were reclassified into a binary variable. Roofs were coded as 1 – *Finished roof* (combining tiled, concrete, and corrugated iron materials) or 0 – *Natural/rudimentary materials* (including natural materials, temporary roofing, wood/timber, and other types).

Apart from furniture ownership (table and chairs), the variables for electric lighting within the household, ownership of household assets, various types of vehicles, and land ownership were treated as binary indicators. Each variable was assigned a value of 1 for affirmative responses and 0 for negative responses. A variable *Furniture* was created and assigned a value of 1 if the household owned both table and chairs and 0 otherwise. Additionally, a household "crowding" index was constructed by calculating the ratio of the number of household members to the number of rooms designated for sleeping.

### Inclusion of variables in PCA analyses

The frequency distribution of the indicators reveals that ownership of higher-quality infrastructure and assets is relatively low across households. The following variables were selected for inclusion in the asset index: *In-house tap or well/bottled*; *Tap/well outside premise*; *Public tap/well*; *Rainwater tank*; and *Basic water supply* (main source of drinking water); *Own flush/latrine*; *Public flush/latrine*; *Pit toilet/latrine*; and *No sanitation facility* (toilet facilities); *Roof type*; *electricity*; and a range of household assets, including *television*, *air conditioner*, *refrigerator*, *washing machine*, *microwave oven*, *cooking stove*, *iron*, and *bed*. Variables related to vehicle ownership included *car*, *truck*, *speedboat with engine*, and *canoe*. Additionally, *land ownership* and *household crowding* were also included.

Certain variables—*radio*, *mattress*, *bicycle*, and *motorcycle*—were excluded from the analysis. This decision was based on the lack of variation in responses for some variables (*mattress*, *motorcycle*)

which would yield minimal contribution to PCA weights when included, or their limited capacity to differentiate household SES (radio, solar light, and bicycle).

**Table 2: Description of SES variables used in the construction of the asset index**

| Variable description          | Variable composition                                                                    | Type of variable | Value labels  |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Main source of drinking water |                                                                                         |                  |               |            |
| In-house tap or well/bottled  | Tap/piped water inside the house<br>Handpump well with house<br>Bottled water from shop | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Tap/well outside premise      | Outside tap (piped) with HH<br>Well-water with HH                                       | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Public tap/well               | Public tap<br>Public handpump well                                                      | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Rainwater tank                | Rainwater tank                                                                          | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Basic water supply            | River/small creek/lake/spring<br>Rainwater drum<br>Other                                | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Sanitation facility           |                                                                                         |                  |               |            |
| Own flush/latrine             | Own flush toilet<br>VIP latrine in HH                                                   | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Public flush/latrine          | Shared flush toilet<br>Public VIP latrine                                               | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Pit toilet/latrine            | Traditional pit toilet                                                                  | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| No toilet facility            | River/canal/sea<br>No facility/bush/field<br>Other                                      | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Roof material                 |                                                                                         | Binary           | Rudimentary=0 | Finished=1 |
| Household items               |                                                                                         |                  |               |            |
| Electric light                |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Television                    |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Air conditioner               |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Refrigerator                  |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Washing machine               |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Microwave oven                |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Cooking stove                 |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Clothes iron                  |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Furniture                     | Table AND chair                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Bed frame                     |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Vehicles                      |                                                                                         |                  |               |            |
| Car                           |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Truck, Hilux, 4-wheel drive   |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Speedboat with engine         |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Canoe                         |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |
| Landownership                 |                                                                                         | Binary           | No=0          | Yes=1      |

| Variable description                 | Variable composition | Type of variable | Value labels |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Crowding (No. people / No. of rooms) |                      | Numeric          |              |

### Missing values

Another data issue is that of missing values and two options exist to deal with this. The first is to exclude households with at least one missing value from the analysis, and the second is to replace missing values with the mean value for that variable. Exclusion of households based on missing asset ownership data could significantly lower sample sizes and the statistical power of study results. However, attributing mean scores for missing values reduces variation among households. In both situations, though, the limitation is more pronounced with high numbers of missing values.

For most household items, vehicles, land ownership, and crowding variables, missing data were minimal and appeared to be randomly distributed across households. As a result, missing values were imputed using the mean of the respective variable.

### 3. PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS ANALYSIS

The first principal component is considered a measure of household asset wealth and is therefore retained. The output from a PCA is a table of factor scores or weights for each variable. Generally, a variable with a positive factor score is associated with higher asset wealth, and conversely a variable with a negative factor score is associated with lower asset wealth.

Results from the PCA model run are shown in Table 3. The household infrastructure variables—such as having an in-house tap or well as the main source of drinking water, commercially purchased bottled water, having a flush toilet/latrine in the home, and possessing a finished roof—were associated with higher household asset scores, indicating greater household wealth. Similarly, the presence of electric lighting, ownership of various household assets, and vehicle types including cars, trucks, and speedboats were also indicative of higher asset wealth.

Conversely, ownership of a canoe and land was associated with slightly lower household asset wealth, though the effects were marginal. Increased household crowding similarly correlated with lower household asset wealth.

The strongest positive associations with household asset wealth were observed for in-house tap water, ownership of a private toilet within the household, a finished roof, and specific household assets such as a television, refrigerator, washing machine, cooking stove, and iron.

**Table 3: Results from principal components analysis**

| Variable description         | Mean | Std. Dev | PC Score |
|------------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| In-house tap or well/bottled | 0.14 | 0.35     | 0.173    |
| Tap/well outside premise     | 0.32 | 0.47     | -0.054   |
| Public tap/well              | 0.09 | 0.28     | -0.090   |
| Rainwater tank               | 0.39 | 0.49     | 0.018    |
| Basic water supply           | 0.07 | 0.25     | -0.070   |
| Own flush/latrine            | 0.51 | 0.50     | 0.263    |
| Public flush/latrine         | 0.05 | 0.22     | 0.015    |
| Pit toilet/latrine           | 0.43 | 0.49     | -0.269   |
| No sanitation facility       | 0.01 | 0.10     | -0.021   |

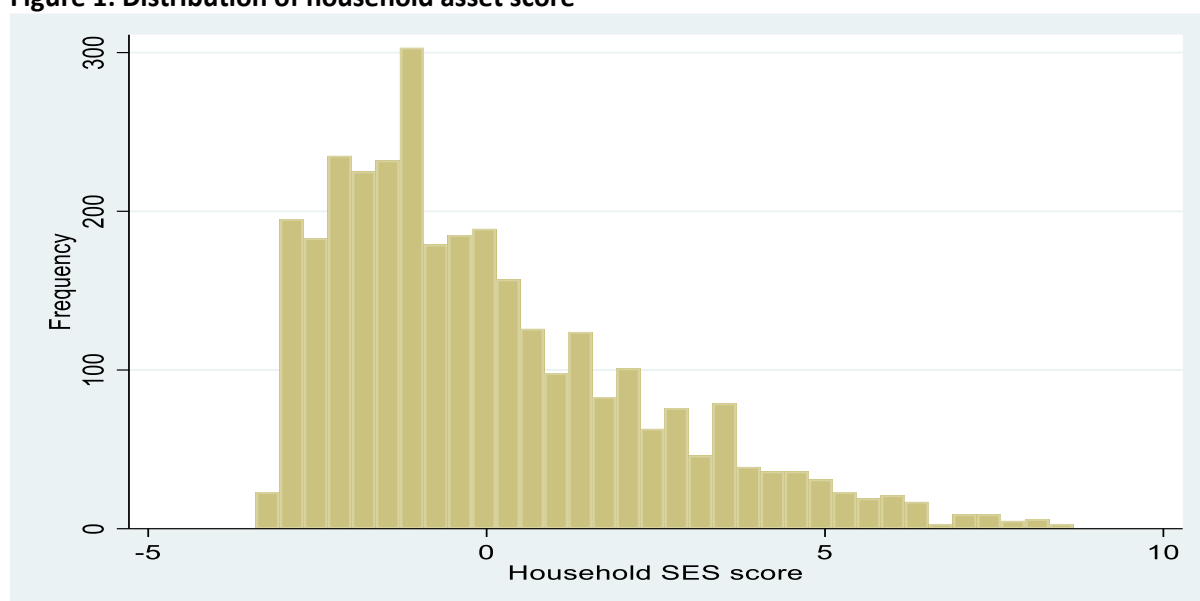
| Variable description                                    | Mean | Std. Dev | PC Score |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| Finished roof material                                  | 0.37 | 0.48     | -0.247   |
| Electric light                                          | 0.30 | 0.46     | 0.320    |
| Television                                              | 0.18 | 0.38     | 0.270    |
| Air conditioner                                         | 0.02 | 0.15     | 0.145    |
| Refrigerator                                            | 0.25 | 0.43     | 0.302    |
| Washing machine                                         | 0.07 | 0.25     | 0.251    |
| Microwave oven                                          | 0.04 | 0.21     | 0.209    |
| Cooking stove                                           | 0.37 | 0.48     | 0.309    |
| Clothes iron                                            | 0.11 | 0.31     | 0.281    |
| Furniture                                               | 0.70 | 0.46     | 0.228    |
| Bed frame                                               | 0.55 | 0.50     | 0.225    |
| Car                                                     | 0.06 | 0.23     | 0.193    |
| Truck, Hilux, 4-wheel drive                             | 0.10 | 0.31     | 0.156    |
| Speedboat with engine                                   | 0.06 | 0.24     | 0.035    |
| Canoe                                                   | 0.08 | 0.28     | -0.038   |
| Landownership                                           | 0.88 | 0.33     | -0.078   |
| Crowding (No. people in HH / No. of rooms for sleeping) | 2.31 | 1.44     | -0.099   |

### 3.2 Classification of households into SES group

#### Classification of households into SES group

Using the factor scores from the first principal component as weights, a dependent variable can then be constructed for each household which has a mean equal to zero, and a standard deviation equal to one. This dependent variable can be regarded as the household's asset wealth score, and the higher the household asset score, the higher the implied asset wealth of that household. A histogram of the household asset scores is shown in Figure 1. The figure reveals a skewed distribution of household asset scores towards lower household asset wealth.

**Figure 1: Distribution of household asset score**



To differentiate households into asset ownership categories studies have used cut-off points—most commonly an arbitrarily defined disaggregation e.g. quintiles. Another method is to use a data driven approach—cluster analysis—to derive asset ownership categories. Cluster analysis was used in the “WHO multi-country study on domestic violence and women’s health” to derive “low”, “medium” and “high” asset index categories. In this study the categories are labelled “asset poorest”, “middle assets” and “asset least poor”.

For this study both methods to classify households into asset wealth groups were explored. First households were ranked according to their asset index score and were then split into three equal sized groups or terciles. K-means cluster analysis was then used to group households into three clusters. The mean asset score for each asset wealth group, derived using both methods, is shown in Table 4.

When considering the household SES classification using terciles, the difference in the mean asset score was greatest between the middle asset and the least poor asset groups than for the least poor assets and middle assets groups (3.24 and 1.65 respectively). This was also the case when comparing the groups from the cluster analysis i.e. the difference in the mean asset score was 3.48 between the middle asset and the least poor asset groups and was 2.50 between the poorest asset and the middle asset groups. This finding further highlights the skewed nature of asset ownership towards poorer asset wealth. From the cluster method, slightly over one-half of households (51.3%) were classified in the poorest asset group, 33.4% were classified in the middle asset group and 15.4% were classified in the poorest asset group.

**Table 4: Mean socioeconomic scores by SES group**

| Total sample          | Terciles (N=3,159) |        |            | Cluster (N=3,159) |        |            |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|-------------------|--------|------------|
|                       | Poorest            | Middle | Least poor | Poorest           | Middle | Least poor |
| <b>N</b>              | 1053               | 1053   | 1053       | 1,619             | 1,055  | 485        |
| <b>%</b>              | 33.3               | 33.3   | 33.3       | 51.3              | 33.4   | 15.4       |
| <b>Mean SES score</b> | -2.18              | -0.53  | 2.71       | -1.75             | 0.75   | 4.23       |
| <b>Std. Dev</b>       | 0.02               | 0.02   | 0.05       | 0.02              | 0.03   | 0.06       |

Internal coherence compares the mean value for each asset variable by asset group to assess whether ownership differs by group. Table 5 shows the mean ownership levels of the asset indicator variables by both the tercile and cluster derived asset groups. The findings reveal that for most indicators both methods similarly differentiate household asset ownership, however, the cluster method differentiates the middle and the least poor asset group marginally better than the tercile method.

**Table 5: Mean ownership of SES variables by SES group (N=3,159)**

| Variable description         | Terciles |        |            | Cluster |        |            |
|------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|---------|--------|------------|
|                              | Poorest  | Middle | Least poor | Poorest | Middle | Least poor |
| In-house tap or well/bottled | 0.03     | 0.08   | 0.30       | 0.04    | 0.16   | 0.41       |
| Tap/well outside premise     | 0.36     | 0.33   | 0.26       | 0.36    | 0.30   | 0.20       |
| Public tap/well              | 0.17     | 0.07   | 0.02       | 0.14    | 0.04   | 0.01       |
| Rainwater tank               | 0.33     | 0.45   | 0.39       | 0.35    | 0.46   | 0.36       |
| Basic water supply           | 0.12     | 0.06   | 0.02       | 0.11    | 0.03   | 0.02       |
| Own flush/latrine            | 0.11     | 0.55   | 0.89       | 0.23    | 0.76   | 0.94       |
| Public flush/latrine         | 0.03     | 0.07   | 0.06       | 0.04    | 0.07   | 0.04       |
| Pit toilet/latrine           | 0.85     | 0.37   | 0.06       | 0.72    | 0.17   | 0.01       |

| Variable description                                     | Terciles |        |            | Cluster |        |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|---------|--------|------------|
|                                                          | Poorest  | Middle | Least poor | Poorest | Middle | Least poor |
| No sanitation facility                                   | 0.01     | 0.02   | 0.00       | 0.02    | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| Finished roof material                                   | 0.76     | 0.30   | 0.04       | 0.64    | 0.12   | 0.01       |
| Electric light                                           | 0.02     | 0.11   | 0.76       | 0.03    | 0.40   | 0.96       |
| Television                                               | 0.01     | 0.06   | 0.47       | 0.01    | 0.19   | 0.70       |
| Air conditioner                                          | 0.00     | 0.01   | 0.06       | 0.00    | 0.01   | 0.13       |
| Refrigerator                                             | 0.01     | 0.11   | 0.63       | 0.03    | 0.29   | 0.88       |
| Washing machine                                          | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.20       | 0.00    | 0.02   | 0.40       |
| Microwave oven                                           | 0.00     | 0.00   | 0.13       | 0.00    | 0.01   | 0.26       |
| Cooking stove                                            | 0.02     | 0.26   | 0.84       | 0.06    | 0.58   | 0.96       |
| Clothes iron                                             | 0.00     | 0.01   | 0.31       | 0.00    | 0.04   | 0.60       |
| Furniture                                                | 0.34     | 0.80   | 0.98       | 0.47    | 0.92   | 0.99       |
| Bed frame                                                | 0.23     | 0.56   | 0.87       | 0.33    | 0.73   | 0.93       |
| Car                                                      | 0.00     | 0.01   | 0.16       | 0.00    | 0.04   | 0.29       |
| Truck, Hilux, 4-wheel drive                              | 0.01     | 0.08   | 0.22       | 0.03    | 0.13   | 0.30       |
| Speedboat with engine                                    | 0.03     | 0.06   | 0.09       | 0.04    | 0.09   | 0.06       |
| Canoe                                                    | 0.10     | 0.09   | 0.05       | 0.11    | 0.07   | 0.04       |
| Land ownership                                           | 0.95     | 0.90   | 0.79       | 0.94    | 0.83   | 0.79       |
| Crowding (No people in HH /<br>No. of rooms for sleeping | 2.80     | 2.14   | 1.98       | 2.59    | 2.01   | 2.00       |

#### 4. SUMMARY

This report describes how a PCA-based asset index was created using information gathered in the Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationship. From the PCA analysis households were classified into asset wealth groups using terciles and cluster analysis approaches. An issue that became apparent when conducting the descriptive frequency analysis is that the majority of households have poorer-quality infrastructure, and asset durable items and vehicles are owned by fewer than half of households. An implication of this is that the distribution of household asset wealth scores clustered together at lower values of asset wealth. This resulted in slightly over one-half of households being classified in the asset poorest group using the cluster approach.

The household asset index constructed appears to have face validity and the assessment of the internal coherence performed according to a-priori assumptions. Both the tercile and cluster method for classifying households performed reasonably well in disaggregating household asset wealth. While the cluster approach does not appear to have any greater discriminatory power over the tercile approach—to be consistent with other Pacific Island studies, the cluster method is used for all subsequent analyses.

## Annex 4: Research Team

Vanuatu Women's Centre (VWC) staff, CAVAWs and other members of the fieldwork team

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## Annex 5: Glossary of Terms

### Terms related to violence against women and gender relations

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| Controlling behaviours (also called coercive control) | When the husband/intimate partner prevents her from seeing friends; limits her contact with family; insists on knowing where she is at all times; insists that she ask permission to seek health care (Jansen 2021).<br>Also see <i>Psychological violence</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Domestic violence                                     | Domestic violence (DV) refers to abusive behaviour (physical, sexual, emotional violence and neglect) that occurs within the private, domestic sphere, generally between individuals who are related through blood or intimacy. In most contexts, ‘intimate partner violence’ (IPV) is the main type of domestic violence, but in some societies violence by in-laws can be the most dominant form. The term, ‘domestic violence’ should be used carefully in order to avoid confusion, since (1) it overlaps with ‘intimate partner violence’ and ‘gender-based violence’ and (2) it is not confined to women. For example, domestic violence also includes child abuse and elderly abuse in the domestic sphere.<br>Legal definitions of domestic violence vary among countries; they often include violence against domestic workers who live in the same household (Jansen 2021). |
| Economic /financial violence                          | Includes denying a woman access to and control over basic resources. It causes, or attempts to cause, an individual to become financially dependent on another person, by obstructing their access to or control over resources and/or independent economic activity. It includes acts such as the denial of funds, refusal to contribute financially, denial of food and basic needs, and controlling access to health care or employment. Questions to identify economic abuse vary depending on context. (Jansen 2021). Note that these acts may also be seen as part of the complex of controlling behaviours/coercive control. The term financial violence is most commonly used by VWC (rather than economic violence) including in this report.                                                                                                                                |
| Emotional abuse                                       | Belittling, humiliating (such as constant criticism), verbal insults and name-calling; doing things that make her feel scared or intimidated; threats by words or gestures to harm her or someone she cares about (Jansen 2021).<br>Also see <i>Psychological violence</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Gender and sex                                        | Gender refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviours, attributes and expectations of men, women, girls and boys in a society; this is learned, changes over time, and varies according to cultural, religious, historical and economic factors across and within cultures. In contrast, sex refers to genetically determined biological and physiological differences between women and men, that are generally permanent and universal (Hunt 2019: Annex 8).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Gender analysis                                       | Gender analysis is a type of social analysis that requires the collection, analysis and application of sex-disaggregated data and information. It considers the different impacts that a problem, policy, organisation, project/program or issue may have/is having on women and men, girls and boys, and on the economic and social relations between them (gender power relations), and on people of diverse gender identities. Gender analysis is used to identify and compare differences in power between women and men, including in their roles, responsibilities, constraints, access to and control over resources, opportunities, levels of decision-making and autonomy, and needs of men and women in any context (Hunt 2019: Annex 8).                                                                                                                                   |
| Gender-based violence                                 | Gender-based violence (GBV), in its original meaning, is ‘violence that is directed against a woman because she is a woman, or violence that affects women disproportionately. It includes acts that inflict physical, mental or sexual harm or suffering, threats of such acts, coercion and other deprivations of liberty’. (...) ‘Gender-based violence, which impairs or nullifies the enjoyment by women of human rights and fundamental freedoms under general international law or under human rights conventions, is discrimination within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.’                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                                       | <p>While the terms ‘gender-based violence’ and ‘violence against women’ are frequently used interchangeably in literature and by advocates, the term ‘gender-based violence’ highlights the gender dimension, in other words, the relationship between (1) women’s subordinate status in society and (2) their increased vulnerability to violence because of unequal power relations and gender roles. The use of the term ‘gender-based violence’ provides a context in which to examine and understand the phenomenon of violence against women. It shifts the focus from women as victims to gender and the unequal power relationships between women and men created and maintained by gender stereotypes as the basic underlying cause of violence against women. This also means that women can be victims of gender-based violence perpetrated by other women to reinforce the patriarchal order, as for example from their own mother or their mother-in-law.</p> <p>It is important to note that the term is increasingly being used to include the notion that men and boys may also be victims of gender-based violence, especially sexual violence, as are those who step out of strict/ traditional gender roles, including LGBTI (Jansen 2021).</p> |
| Gender equality and gender inequality | <p>Gender equality means that women and men and people with other gender identities enjoy equal status in society, along with girls and boys. It means that they have the same entitlements to all human rights; enjoy equal respect in the community; can take advantage of the same opportunities to make choices and decisions about their lives; and have the same amount of power to shape the outcomes of these choices. Achieving gender equality requires the promotion of equal rights, since equality between all people regardless of gender is an integral part of human rights. It also requires an understanding of gender relations (see more on this below).</p> <p>Gender inequality is a general term used to describe the unequal status of women and men (and boys and girls) in any society or context, and refers to the differences in power and access to and control over resources noted above (Hunt 2019: Annex 8).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Gender norms                          | <p>These are social and cultural/custom expectations that define what is considered appropriate behaviour for women and men. The different roles and behaviours of females and males, and of children as well as adults, are shaped and reinforced by gender norms within society (Jansen 2021).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Gender relations                      | <p>Gender relations refer to economic, social and power relations between males and females which are constructed and reinforced by the rules and practices of social institutions. Considering gender relations means that we do not see women and men and people with diverse gender identities in isolation, but how their lives are interwoven. We consider the power, benefits, opportunities and rights of women and men relative to each other including: how gender relations will affect development programs and organisations, how gender relations will be affected by development activities, organisations and policies, and how gender relations change over time, along with social, cultural and economic factors (Hunt 2019: Annex 8).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Gender roles                          | <p>These are learned behaviours in a given society/community or other social group that condition which activities, tasks and responsibilities are perceived as masculine or feminine. Gender roles are affected by age, class, race, ethnicity, religion and ideology, and also by the geographical, economic and political environment. Changes in gender roles often occur in response to changing economic, natural or political circumstances, including development efforts or macro-economic policies, or other forces both national and international. The gender roles of men and women within a given social context may be flexible or rigid, similar or different, and complementary or conflicting (Jansen 2021).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Intimate partner                      | <p>An intimate partner is a person with whom one has a close personal relationship that may be characterized by the partners’ (1) emotional connectedness, (2) regular contact, (3) on-going physical contact and sexual behaviour, (4) identity as a couple or (5) familiarity with and knowledge about each other’s lives. The relationship need not involve all of these dimensions. Intimate partner relationships include current or former:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spouses (married spouses, common-law spouses, civil union spouses, domestic partners);</li> <li>• boyfriends/girlfriends;</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dating partners; and</li> <li>• ongoing sexual partners.</li> </ul> <p>Intimate partners may or may not be cohabitating. They can be opposite sex or same-sex. And if the victim and the perpetrator have a child in common, and a previous relationship but no current relationship, then by definition they fit into the category of 'former intimate partners' (Jansen 2021).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Intimate partner violence | Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) usually consists of a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviours, including physical, sexual and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion, by a current or former intimate partner. It can occur within heterosexual or same-sex relationships and does not require sexual relations. Intimate partner violence is defined by WHO (2025) as "behaviour in an intimate relationship that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm, including physical aggression, sexual coercion, and psychological abuse and controlling behaviours" (Jansen 2021).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Non-partner               | In surveys on violence against women, the term 'non-partners' is used for anyone who is not an intimate partner or husband. 'Non-partners' can therefore include parents, in-laws and other relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues, acquaintances and strangers (Jansen 2021).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Physical violence         | 'Physical violence' refers to the intentional use of physical force with the potential for causing death, injury or harm (Jansen 2021).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Prevalence                | 'Prevalence' is a central term used when presenting results of a survey on violence against women. <b>The prevalence of violence against women refers to the proportion of women who have experienced violence as part of the population of women 'at risk'.</b> Prevalence rates are thus based on counting people rather than events or incidents. For some types of violence, such as sexual violence, all women may be considered to be 'at risk'. For others, such as intimate partner violence, only women who have, or have had, an intimate partner would be considered 'at risk'. Prevalence estimates usually present the percentage of women who have experienced violence either during the previous 12 months (also sometimes called 'prevalence rate of current violence') or at any time in their life ('prevalence rate of lifetime violence' or 'lifetime prevalence') (Jansen 2021, emphasis added).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Psychological violence    | 'Psychological violence' (often also referred to as 'emotional violence') refers to any act or omission that damages the self-esteem, identity or development of the individual. It includes, but is not limited to, humiliation, threatening loss of custody of children, forced isolation from family or friends, threatening to harm the individual or someone they care about, repeated yelling or degradation, inducing fear through intimidating words or gestures, controlling behaviour, and the destruction of possessions (Jansen 2021).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sexual violence           | Sexual violence refers to any sexual act or attempt to obtain a sexual act, or unwanted sexual comments or acts to traffic, that are directed against a person's sexuality using coercion by anyone, regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting, including at home and at work (Jansen 2021).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Violence against women    | <p>Violence against women (VAW) is defined by the United Nations as 'any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life.' It encompasses, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring in the family, including battering, sexual abuse of female children in the household, dowry-related violence, marital rape, female genital mutilation and other traditional practices harmful to women;</li> <li>• non-spousal violence and violence related to exploitation;</li> <li>• physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring within the general community, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere;</li> <li>• trafficking in women and forced prostitution; and</li> <li>• physical, sexual and psychological violence perpetrated or condoned by the state, wherever it occurs (Jansen 2021, UN General Assembly 1993).</li> </ul> |

## Statistical terms<sup>24</sup>

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| Statistical significance             | <p>In statistics, an association is statistically significant if it is unlikely to have occurred by random chance or coincidence. It measures the strength of the evidence against the null hypothesis. (In statistics, the null hypothesis assumes that there is <u>no</u> association or difference in the population on any particular variable).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important note: Statistical significance only accounts for random sampling error. It does not mean the results are free from 'non-sampling bias' or systematic errors, such as problems with the questionnaire design, interviewer errors, or selection bias (for example, if the sample inadvertently excluded certain types of women). A finding can be statistically significant but still be inaccurate if these systematic biases are present (Jessica Gardner, personal communication).</li> <li>• Note that a statistically significant association does not necessarily mean that one variable is the <u>cause</u> of a particular outcome. For example, the fact that women's use of alcohol is associated with her experience of intimate partner violence does not mean that her drinking causes the violence; in fact, it is more likely that her drinking is the result of the stress related to violence.</li> </ul> |
| P value                              | <p>A P value is a measure statistical significance: this means that it is a measure of how strong the evidence is for an association between 2 variables being compared, such as between the experience of intimate partner violence and a particular variable. The lower the P value, the stronger the evidence, and the less possibility that the finding is a random fluke.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A P value higher than 0.05 is usually regarded as not significant.</li> <li>• The standard measure of significance is usually a P value of less than 0.05 (<math>&lt;0.05</math>). This means that there is less than 5% likelihood (or less than one possibility in every 20) that the result from the survey is due to random chance, rather than being due to a real association.</li> <li>• A P value of less than 0.001 (<math>&lt;0.001</math>) is extremely significant. It means that there is only 0.1% likelihood (or one possibility in every thousand) that the result from the survey is due to random chance.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Odds ratio and confidence interval   | <p>The odds ratio for a variable gives an estimate of the likelihood that any woman who has that particular factor (or characteristic) will experience partner violence in her lifetime, compared to any other woman. Adjusted odds ratio means that the odds have been adjusted to take into account all the other variables or factors that may be associated with violence – so the adjusted odds ratio gives us a stronger evidence base.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 95% confidence interval (CI) for the odds ratio gives us more evidence of how strong an association is between partner violence and any particular factor, because it gives us a range of error for the odds ratio; and it tells us that there is only once chance in 20 that our odds ratio will be wrong (or 5 chances in 100).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Univariate and multivariate analysis | <p>These are methods of statistical analysis commonly used in medical and social science research to test a hypothesis (or assumption) about the association between an outcome and various other variables. In the VWC survey, the outcome was women's experience of violence by a husband or intimate partner in the last 12 months. This type of statistical analysis helps understand how likely it is that a woman will experience intimate partner violence, by considering the various factors in her background, or her husband's/partner's background (see Chapter 10).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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