

## STATISTICS ON GENDER BASE VIOLENCE IN VANUATU, SOLOMON ISLAND AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Recently the World Bank reported in its brief that 35% of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence, 38% of murders of women globally are committed by an intimate partner, 7% of women globally have been sexually assaulted by someone other than a partner and female genital mutilation/cutting is experienced by some 200million women worldwide<sup>1</sup>.

In the Pacific, Amnesty international in 2015 reported a shocking 70% of Pacific women have experienced rape or other sexual violence<sup>2</sup>. The Australian High Commissioner John Freaks in his address in March 2018 at the Launching of the new Pacific Partnership to End Violence against Women and Girls in the Pacific stated that recent surveys in the Western Pacific have indicated that over 60% of women have experienced gender based violence<sup>3</sup>.

Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Solomon Island are among some of the Pacific countries that have high rates of Gender Based Violence. Gathered from various different sources the statistics below shows what is estimated to be the state of Gender Based Violence in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Island and Vanuatu. Be aware that the statistics shown below may not reflect what the reality of GBV is in these countries. The situations in each area are quite complex that many of the cases of GBV go unreported and makes it difficult to gather sufficient data.

**Table 1: Lifetime experience of Gender Based Violence since 15 years of age**

Countries	Lifetime Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence	Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months	Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence	Child Marriage	Population
Vanuatu	60%	44%	33%	21%	282,117 (UN Est. 2018)
Solomon Island	64%	42%	18%	21%	599,419 (UN est. 2016)
Papua New Guinea	68%	33% <sup>4</sup>	Official data not available	21%	7,275,324 (2011 Census)

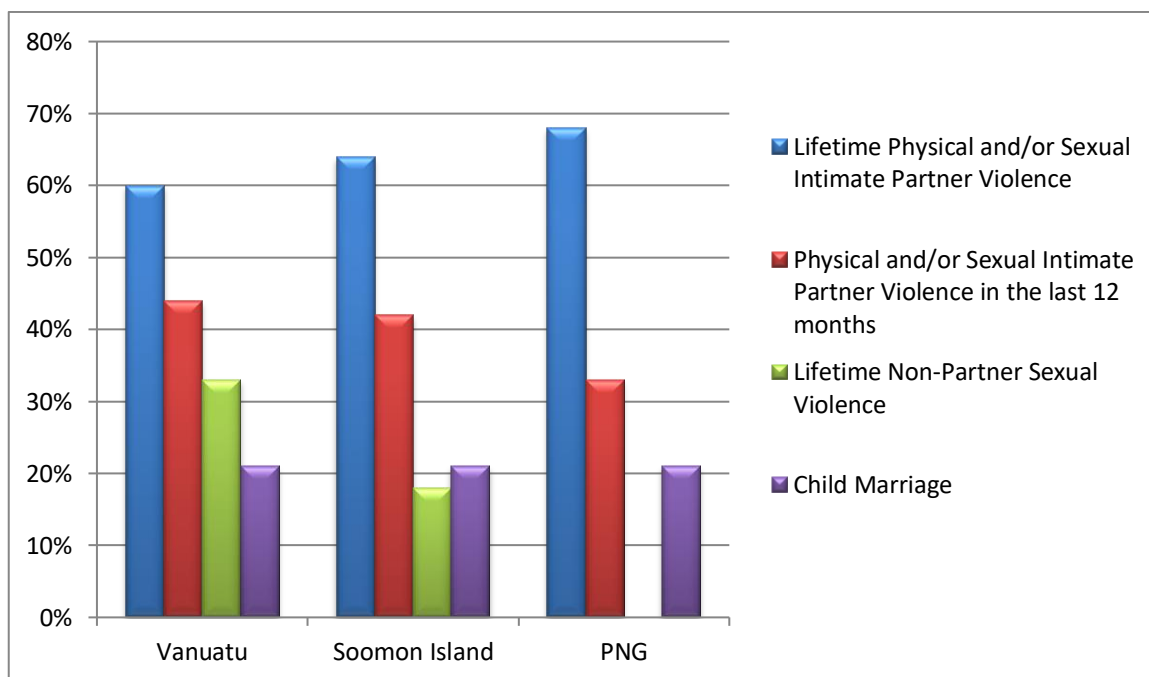
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<sup>2</sup> Amnesty International: Asia and the Pacific, 'Sexual and gender-based violence in the Pacific' 7 April 2015, <https://www.amnesty.org.nz/sexual-and-gender-based-violence-pacific> (Accessed: 21, August, 2018)

<sup>3</sup> UN Women: Asia and The Pacific, 'New Pacific Partnership addresses gender equality and violence against women', March 8, 2018 <http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2018/03/new-pacific-partnership-addresses-gender-equality> (Accessed: 23, August, 2018)

<sup>4</sup> UNFPA: Asia and The Pacific, *Violence Against Women - Regional Snapshot (2017) - kNOwVAWdata violence against women prevalence map in Asia-Pacific*, (UNFPA, 2017) <http://asiapacific.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/VAW%20Map%20September%202014%202017.pdf> (Accessed: 27 August 2018)

**Figure 1: Different forms of Gender Base Violence in each country**



\*Note that PNG has no official national data recorded on lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence.

Table 1 and Figure 1: Sources

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<sup>7</sup> PNG National Statistical Office, Population: Census 2011 Summary Findings, 2011, <https://www.nso.gov.pg/index.php/population-and-social/other-indicators> (Accessed: 29 August 2018)