

Prevalence and experience of non-partner sexual violence among in-school adolescent girls in low-income communities in Southwestern Nigeria – a cross-sectional survey



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Background

Non-partner sexual violence (NPSV) is under-reported in low-income countries like Nigeria and other African countries

Objectives

- Assess the prevalence of NPSV
- Assess the experience of NPSV
- Identify factors influencing NPSV experience among in-school adolescent girls in Ibadan, Southwestern Nigeria



Methods

- Cross-sectional study
- 376 in-school adolescent girls aged 15 to 19 years in senior secondary schools in Ibadan, Nigeria
- Participants were assessed on experience of lifetime NPSV prior to the survey using six questions with a yes or no response
- Binary logistic regression was used to assess predictors of NPSV among the participants at 5% significance

Results

Mean age
16.2±1.0 years

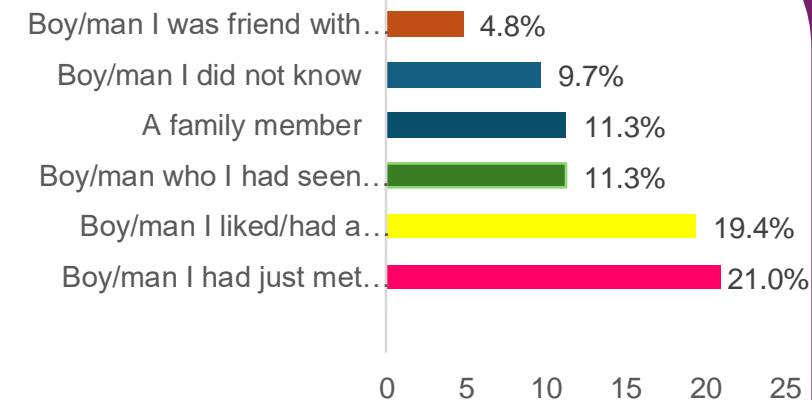
Ever had NPSV
62(16.5%)



Experience of NPSV among in-school adolescent girls in Ibadan who reported NPSV

Variables (n=62)	n (%)
Pressured you to have sex when they did not feel ready to do so	24(38.7)
Insisted they must have sex with them	18(29.0)
Threatened by non-partners to have sex with them,	11(17.7)
Made you do something sexually when you didn't want to	11(17.7)
Called you sexually degrading names	5(8.1)
Used force (hitting, holding down, using a weapon)	4(6.5)

Reported perpetrators of NPSV



On adjusted models, the odds of NPSV is increased by witnessed violence as a child (OR=2.31, CI: 1.26-4.23), ever been in relationships (OR= 1.92, CI= 1.08 – 3.40) and older age (OR=2.09, CI: 0.89 – 4.9)

Conclusion & recommendation

- NPSV is common among adolescent girls in the study population
- Create awareness on NPSV
- Promote healthy and respectful relationships at household and community levels

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