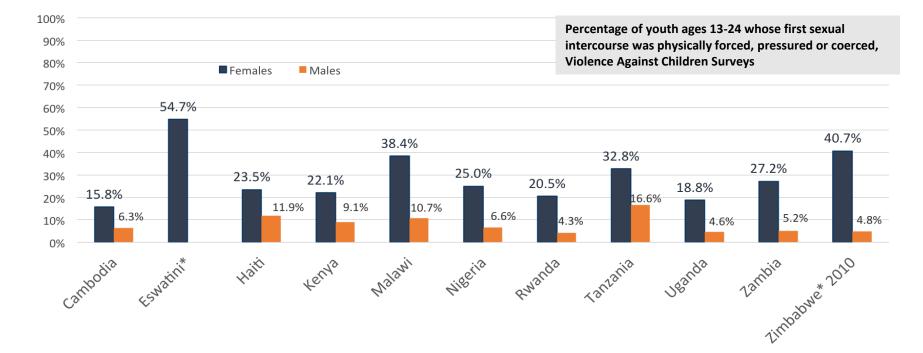


# A Social Ecological Approach to Preventing Violence Against Children

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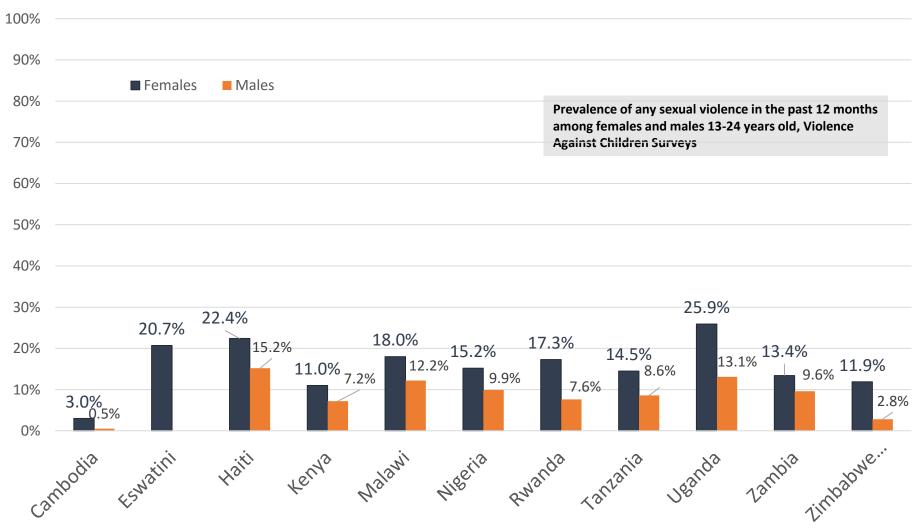


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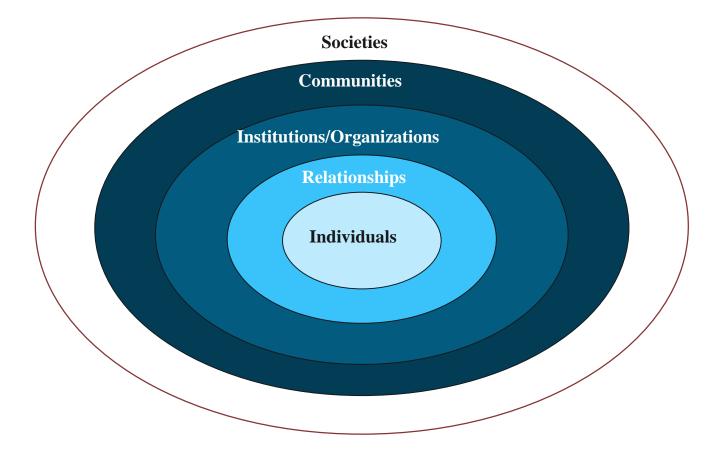
## **Violence Prevention and Response Continuum**

#### Prevention

Prevents victimization and/or perpetration of violence and enables **disclosure** where violence occurs through: - Community mobilization and norms change - Decreasing myths and victim blaming - Parent/Caregiver education Child Safeguarding: policy assessment, - Sexual consent education implementation, staff/volunteer screening, reporting - Skill building Disclosure Detection Prevents further violence from occurring and links survivors to services through: - Training for faith and community leaders **Safety Planning** Child Protection Committees Reporting - Child Helplines Response Promote justice and prosecution of perpetrators through: - Training for criminal justice officials - Support enforcement of laws and policies Support survivors through: - Victim-Friendly Courts - Legal Aid



# **Circles of Protection – Levels of the Social Ecology**

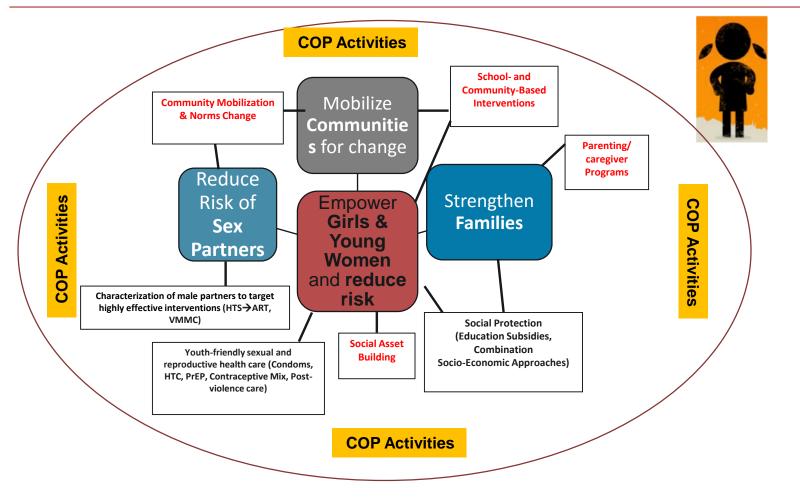




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