

CALL TO ACTION

- Laws must be unambiguous if they are to adequately protect the girl child.
- Our schools must be made safe for our children and learning relevant to building life skills.
- Better training for security operatives and law enforcement agencies.
- Strengthen government agencies such as the police, NAPTIP and NHRC to arrest and prosecute violators of girls.
- Create a space for children to participate in future discourse on the subject matter and share their aspirations.
- Lead public enlightenment and massive sensitisation on the issue of child protection.

The time to act to protect the girl child is now!

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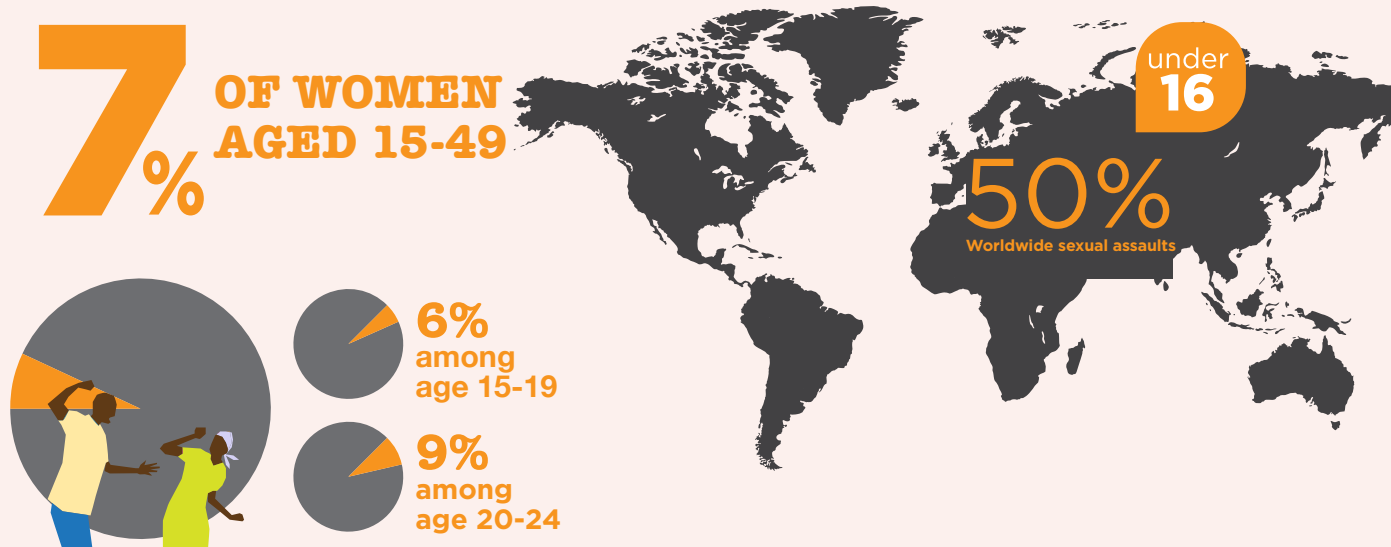
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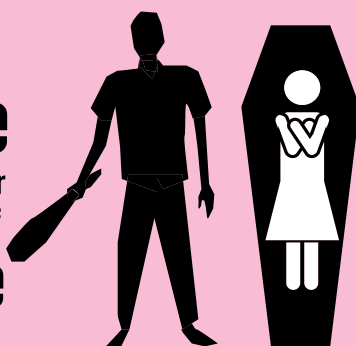
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RAPE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The 2013 NDHS reports that 7% of women aged 15 - 49 experienced sexual violence at some time.



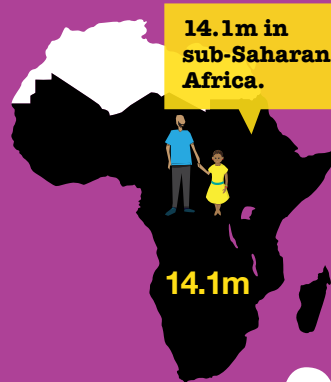
In 2002 alone
An estimated 150 million girls under the age of 18 suffered some form of **sexual violence**



It is estimated that of all women killed in 2012, almost half were by intimate partners or family members

The first sexual experience of some **30%** of women was forced. The percentage is even higher among those who were under 15 at the time of their sexual initiation, up to **45%** report the experience as being forced.

CHILD MARRIAGE (UNFPA, 2012).



800,000



Women and girls are 80% of the estimated 800,000 people trafficked across national borders annually, with the majority (79%) trafficked for sexual exploitation or domestic servitude.

79%

ARE FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



1 OUT OF 3 GIRLS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE MARRIED-OFF BEFORE THE AGE OF **18**

& 1 OF 9 MARRY BEFORE THE AGE OF **15**

70m



women aged 20-24 around the world had been married before the age of 18 In 2012

If present trends continue, 150 million girls will be married before their 18th birthday over the next decade. That's an average of 15 million girls each year.



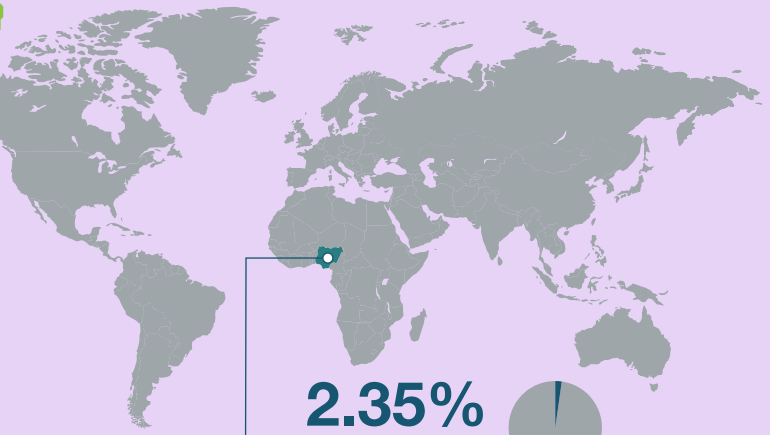
Countries with the highest prevalence of child marriage are concentrated in Western and Sub-Saharan Africa

Due to population size, the largest number of child brides reside in South Asia

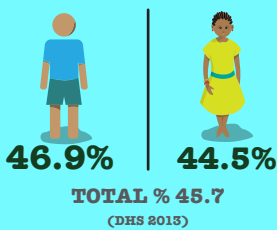
NIGERIA TOTAL POPULATION



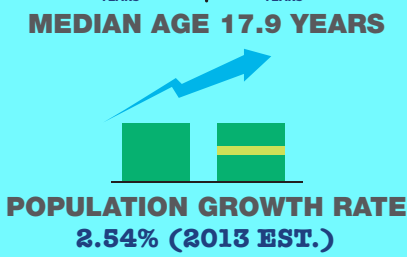
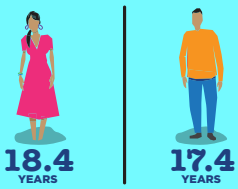
174.5m
174,507,539 (July 2013 est.)
(CIA World Factbook)



0 - 14 YEARS



OVER 50% OF THE POPULATION IS BELOW THE AGE OF 19 YEARS



INFANT MORTALITY RATE

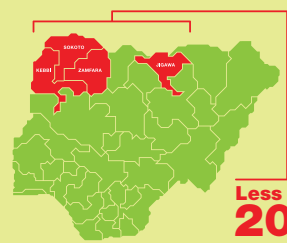


Total **74.09** Deaths out of every 1,000 live Births
Male 79.02 / Female 68.87
(2014 est.)

LITERACY RATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AGE 15 - 19



Wide regional and state disparities exist with the North West having the lowest regional rates of female literacy and Sokoto, Zamfara, Kebbi and Jigawa states having the lowest state rates with less than 20% female literacy

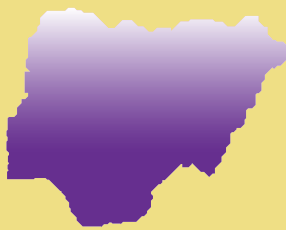


FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (NDHS 2013)

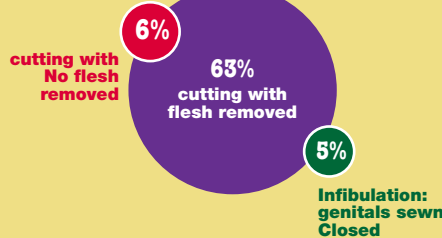
1 IN 4 WOMEN AGE 15-49 HAS BEEN CIRCUMCISED. TRADITIONALISTS' WOMEN HAVE THE HIGHEST PROPORTION WITH **35%**



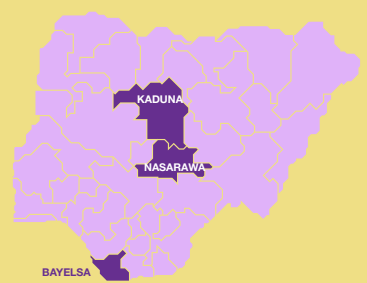
FEMALE CIRCUMCISION PREVALENCE



CIRCUMCISION TYPE



INFIBULATION PREVALENCE

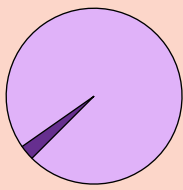


82% OF WOMEN IN NIGERIA ARE CIRCUMCISED BEFORE AGE 5

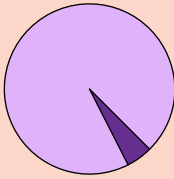


The proportion of female circumcision among girls age 0-14 is higher among those whose mothers have also been circumcised.

The higher a mother's level of education, the less likely her daughter has been circumcised



3% Girls aged 0-14 were circumcised & infibulated



5% Women aged 15-49 were circumcised & infibulated

26% Circumcised Girls Aged 0-14 Mothers Were Also Infibulated

57% men

68% women

BELIEVE THAT THE PRACTICE IS NOT REQUIRED BY THEIR RELIGION.

62% men

64% women

THINK THAT THE PRACTICE OF FEMALE CIRCUMCISION SHOULD NOT CONTINUE

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Providing Social Protection for the Girl Child in Nigeria

