

# Gender-based violence

31%

of women in the Eastern Mediterranean Region have experienced violence

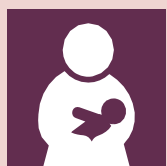
## Sexual and reproductive health

Survivors endure immediate and long-term sexual and reproductive health problems – with immeasurable social and economic costs to themselves, their families and communities.

## Health care providers are ideally placed to address these consequences and support survivors:

- Evidence shows that survivors of violence are more likely than other individuals to seek health services, even if they do not disclose the associated violence.
- Health services offer a culturally and socially appropriate entry point for survivors.
- The health sector is often women's first point of professional contact after they experience gender-based violence.

## What are the consequences?



### Low birth-weight babies

Survivors are 16% more likely to have a low birth-weight baby



### Miscarriage

Survivors are 2 times more likely to have a miscarriage



### HIV

Survivors are 1.5 times more likely to contract HIV



### Other STIs

Survivors are 1.5 times more likely to contract syphilis, chlamydia or gonorrhoea



### Compounded risk

Forcibly displaced women are at increased risk of physical and sexual violence