

Gender-based violence

31%

of women in the Eastern Mediterranean Region have experienced violence

Physical 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?



Injury

42% of women who experienced intimate partner violence were injured as a result



Abrasions



Lacerations



Burns



Fractures



Disability

Survivors may incur temporary or permanent disabilities



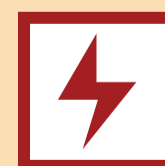
Death

38% of women who die by femicide are reportedly murdered by their intimate partner



Disability

Women with a mental or physical disability are at increased risk of physical and sexual violence



Compounded risk

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