Session 10
Strengthening the effectiveness of the health system response



- For each homicide, 20-40 young people are victims of serious violence-related injuries inflicted during assault and robbery
- ➤ Youth homicides and nonfatal physical assaultrelated injuries result in more than \$21 billion annually in medical and lost productivity costs in the US.
- Assault-injured youth seeking ED care reported higher levels of previous violence, weapon experience, and substance use.

A priority health issue, an enormous burden and a missed opportunity





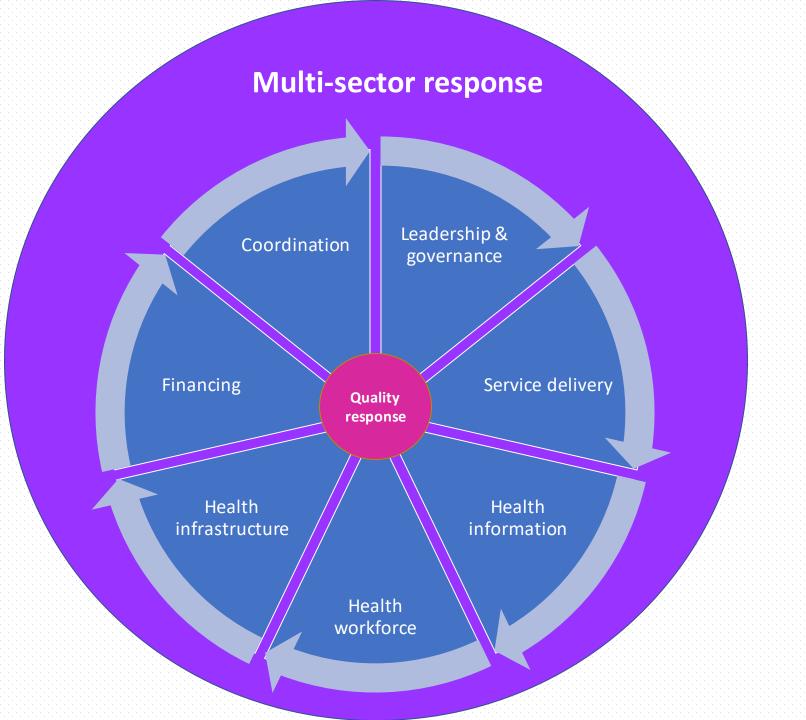


# 3.8 Universal Health Coverage

Provide comprehensive health services to survivors,

including emergency, trauma and mental health care





The Health
system has a
critical role to
play as part of
multi-sector
responses







Recurrence of the same type of violence in the short term



Trauma symptoms (e.g., post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety)



Sexually transmitted infections and negative reproductive health outcomes



Victimization or perpetration of violence in the short term and later in life

What are the benefits of a health sector response?

## Few survivors seek or receive quality services

Received
QUALITY SERVICES

& comprehensive support

In Colombia less than 6% of girls that experienced sexual, physical or emotional violence in childhood, received help.

In El Salvador 16.3% of girls that have experienced sexual violence sought services.

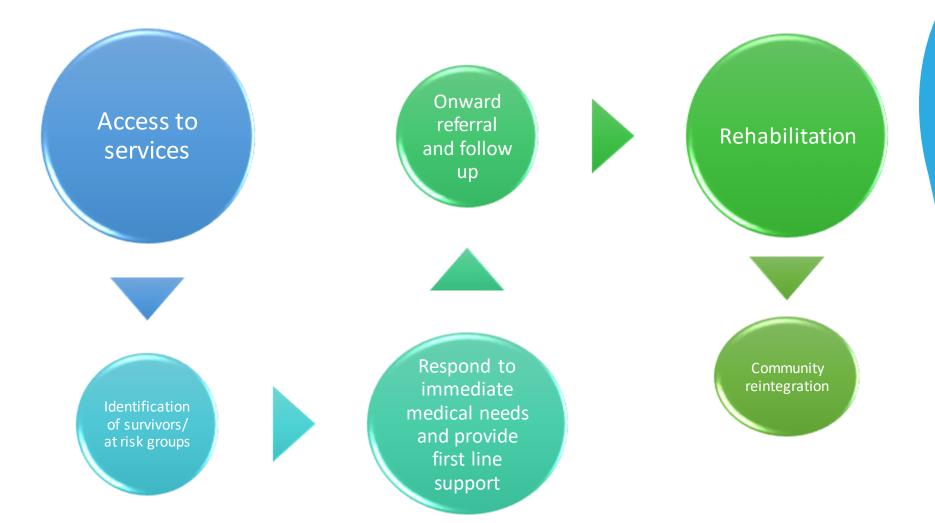
**SOUGHT SERVICES** 

**TOLD SOMEONE** 

**EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE** 

In Honduras among girls who experienced sexual violence, 64.2% ever told anybody about their experience, compared to 34.2% of boys.

#### What can the health sector do?







#### What we can do: available resources



RESPONDING TO CHILDREN
AND ADOLESCENTS WHO HAVE
BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED

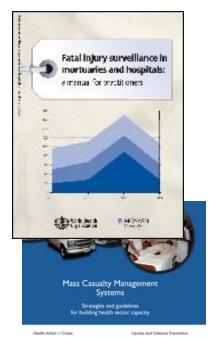
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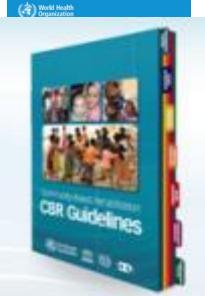
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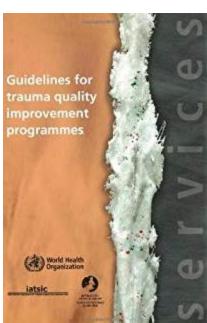


POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS TO PREVENT HIV INFECTION

Joint WHO/ILO guidelines post-exposure prophylaxis EP) to prevent HIV infection



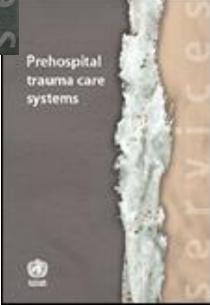








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### Emergency Care

Are there similar **EXAMPLES OF ACTION** in other settings or countries?

□ Are there any GAPS or barriers that need to be urgently addressed?

■ Are there any **OPPORTUNITIES** for strengthening this area of work in collaboration with PAHO?





