# PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AMONG PERUVIAN ETHNIC GROUPS

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### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN PERU**

Women who have suffered domestic violence

48%

1 IN 3 HAS SUFFERED EMOTIONAL VIOLENCE



1 IN 10 HAS SUFFERED SEXUAL VIOLENCE



VIOLENCE ↓
AS EDUCATION ↑

VIOLENCE AGAINST UNMARRIED WOMEN > VIOLENCE AGAINST MARRIED WOMEN

Women who have suffered domestic violence and reported it to the authorities

7%

## TYPES OF VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER

EMOTIONAL VIOLENCE



A woman's partner humiliates her, threatens to hit her, insults her, or makes her feel bad.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE



A woman's partner forces her to have sexual relations against her will or to conduct sexual acts that she does not approve of.

PHYSICAL VIOLENCE



**Moderate Physical Violence:** A woman's partner shoves her, throws something at her, slaps her, or twists her arm.

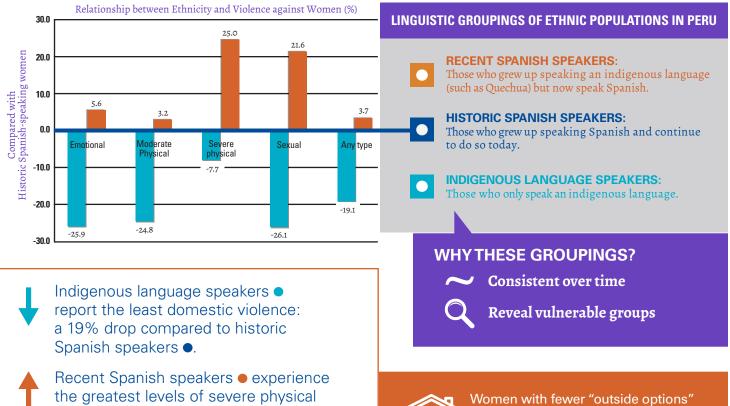


**Severe Physical Violence:** A woman's partner strikes, kicks or drags her, attempts to strangle or burn her, attacks or attempts to assault or threaten her with a knife, gun, or another type of weapon.





# PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY ETHNIC GROUP



Spanish speakers ●.

Recent Spanish speakers ● are +9.4% more likely to experience violence

violence (+25%) and sexual violence

than historic Spanish speakers .

(+22%) when compared to historic

Women with fewer "outside options" when compared to their partners suffer the greatest violence. For example, women who have migrated or are in transition typically have fewer alternatives and social networks upon which to rely, reducing their negotiating power within the household.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICYMAKERS**



Redirect current violence prevention programs to target areas where recent Spanish speakers are likely to reside. For example, Urban and semi-urban areas, where rural-urban migration is most common and recent Spanish speakers are more likely to settle.





Design prevention programs for ethnic groups that are specific to the most prevalent forms of violence they face. For example, prevention programs for recent and historic Spanish speakers should focus on emotional violence, whereas those for women who speak only indigenous languages should address physical violence.



Public education campaigns and prevention programs on the rights of women should focus on both partners, not just women. Insufficient attention is given to educating men as co-responsible partners.