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**PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL VIOLENCE**

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- **Boys** are 9 times more likely than **girls** to experience physical violence from strangers.
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- **Girls** are 0.5 times more likely than **boys** to be emotionally abused by family members.
- **Boys** are 2.5 times more likely than **girls** to be emotionally abused by friends or teachers.
- **Boys** are 4 times more likely than **girls** to be emotionally abused by strangers.
- **Boys** are 2.5 times more likely than **girls** to experience physical violence from family members.
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**RESILIENCE AND COPING MECHANISMS**

- **Boys** are more resilient than **girls** when facing pandemic stressors.

**PRODUCTIVE AND REPRODUCTIVE WORK**

- **Boys** used to have a paid job before COVID-19: 23.4%. **Girls** used to have a paid job before COVID-19: 12.7%.
- **Boys** are working more than working **girls** from an increased workload during the pandemic: 57.4% for boys, 33.8% for girls.
- **Girls** are more likely to experience physical violence from family members: 20.3% compared to **boys** 20.2%.
- **Boys** are more likely than **girls** to experience physical violence from strangers: 3 X more likely.

**ACT NOW FOR GENDER EQUALITY**

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