Across the Region, ONE IN FOUR WOMEN experience physical or sexual violence at the hands of their partner.

Women in the Western Pacific Region have a high exposure to intimate partner violence — 15 - 68% of women reported experiencing physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner.

Violence against women is a human rights violation, rooted in gender inequality. The unequal position of women relative to men, lower education, a history of violence between parents and alcohol abuse all increase the risk of violence.