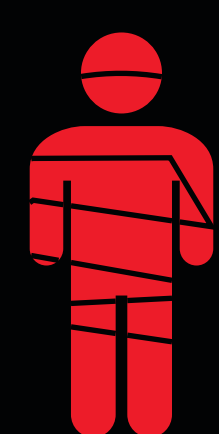





# VIOLENCE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

## YOUTH VIOLENCE



Violence that occurs between people aged 10-29 years, often among unrelated individuals, and generally takes place outside of the home.

### Includes

-  harmful behaviours that may start early and continue into adulthood
-  assault, leading to serious injury or death
-  bullying, slapping, or hitting

## KEY FACTS



**12,000 people** between 10 and 29 years of age were murdered in the Western Pacific Region in 2012.

**78%** 

Fatal youth violence in the Western Pacific region **occurs mostly among males**, who are **three times** more likely to be murdered than women.

Perpetrators and victims of youth violence often have a long history of involvement in violence, and many were **victims of child maltreatment.**



Youth violence can also lead to **mental health problems and increased health risk behaviours**, such as smoking, alcohol and drug use, and unsafe sex.

## NATIONAL RESPONSE

Of the 20 regional countries that participated in the survey, **ONLY**



### National Action Plans



**10 countries** have a national or subnational action plan for the prevention of youth violence.



### Legislation



**16 countries** have national or subnational laws prohibiting weapons on school premises.



### Evidence-based programmes [implemented on a larger scale]

\*Programmes implemented systematically reaching at least 30% of the intended target audience



**6 countries** have social development and life skills training programmes (e.g. anger management, conflict resolution and social skills).



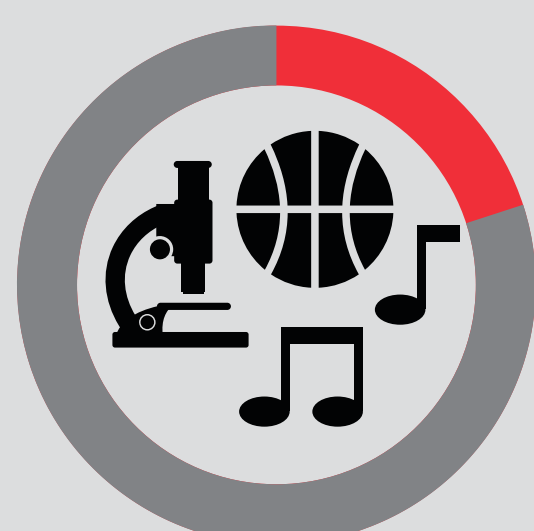
**2 countries** have mentoring programmes providing supportive relationships and positive adult role models.



**3 countries** have preschool enrichment programmes for early introduction to life skills.



**7 countries** have programmes to reduce school bullying.



**4 countries** have after school programmes to extend adult supervision.

For more details about programmes, refer to the glossary in Violence in the Western Pacific 2014