**Harassment in public spaces and the domestic sphere**

**Violence in public spaces**
- >90% women and girls experience sexual harassment. Commonly known as "eve-teasing", the word "teasing" makes it seem like a minor issue.
- 88% men witnessed harassment of women in public spaces.

**Abuse reported:**
- Verbal: 53%
- Visual: 51%

**Violence in domestic sphere**
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**What is sexual harassment?**
Sexual Harassment is when somebody's gaze or sexual behaviour makes you uncomfortable. It includes comments and songs, leering and whistling, kissing noises, vulgar gestures, unwanted touching, someone following you, flashing private parts, demanding sexual favours, and showing pornography against one's will.

**Incidents of harassment happened:**
- 52% Bus station
- 32% Followed on the way to school or college
- 23% Within schools or college building

**Most unsafe places:**
- Bus stops: 83.5%
- Railway stations: 82.2%
- Open toilets: 82.2%

**School girls reported stalking and verbal harassment largely by fellow and senior male students and unknown persons.**

**Which are the most unsafe places?**

**Perception of safety**

**Total Numbers (N): 388**

- Unsafe all the time: 82.5%
- Unsafe only after dark: 44.6%
- Public spaces unsafe for leisure at evening: 46.9%

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People’s perception on why women and girls are vulnerable?

- **Women** reported being alone, what one wears, and "bad" behaviour as inviting harassment. Men see this as a form of entertainment.
- **Men** said just being a woman invites harassment, followed by the way they dress and being alone as reasons why they are harassed. They also see harassment as a form of entertainment.

86% women think that it is not safe for women to work in evening shifts or late hours.

Response to harassment

- 78% women and girls and 65% men and boys are unaware of any helpline numbers.
- 90% women did nothing when harassed:
  - neither reported to police/helpline
  - or took action

Daily misogyny and mistrust

- 42% women and girls said harassment is a form of entertainment for men.
- 58% women and 31% men think that men are always ready to have sex.
- 41% men did not intervene as bystanders and 23% of them did not do anything because of fear of retaliation from the perpetrator.

Solution: How Breakthrough is addressing this issue through campaign #Askingforit

- #Askingforit is asking for bystander responses to harassment against women and girls, especially schoolgirls.
- Raise your voice against sexual harassment.
- Create an environment against sexual harassment around bus stops, streets and schools.
- Intervene collectively with others and prevent sexual harassment from happening.

Your taking a stand will

- Make a girl feel she is not to be blamed.
- Make her parents confident it is not their shame.
- Allow trust in the community that a timely response will stop sexual harassment.

Action

- I am being harassed, say something.
- Go to school, safety.