Don't forget about boys. They're victims of violence too.

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Children exposed to violence often have their life-long earning potential reduced by up to US$5,000 per year.

Growing up with domestic violence is the single best predictor that a child will become a victim or perpetrator in later life.

Children who grow up with violence in the home learn powerful lessons about the use of violence to dominate others.

A significant number of men who abuse their intimate partners were themselves abused as children.

Boys who are exposed to violence are more likely to continue the cycle of violence against their partners, families, or others. They are also more likely to leave education early, become trapped in a cycle of poverty, and suffer from addiction.

Being a victim or witness of violence as a child has an impact on the development of the brain.

Gender norms mean that boys who are victims of sexual violence often do not seek help.

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Provincial violence.

A large body of research on the social development of children finds that growing up in a violent environment has significant negative effects on a child’s mental health and educational achievement. There is also evidence that children who grow up in violent environments are more likely to perpetrate violence as adults.

Sexual violence.

73 million boys under 18 years experienced sexual violence.

Child soldiers.

There are 250,000 child soldiers in the world and up to 90% of them are boys.

Seeing boys as perpetrators rather than victims denies them the protection they need and ensures the cycle of violence will continue.

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