

## SCHOOL VIOLENCE IN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF PRIZREN.

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Violence against children and young people occurs at high rates in schools around the world. There are a lot of studies which presented an average of 28% of students report being the victim of some form of violence in the last month (range by country 5-75%) and an average of 48% of students reported that a friend was a victim of school violence in the last month (range 15%-80%). Concern about youth violence has increased dramatically across our country. This has been especially true for violence that occurs in schools. Schools should provide disciplined and orderly environments that are conducive to learning and should be safe havens from violence. The main aim of this study was to describe the situation of school violence in higher secondary schools of municipality of Prizren.

There were 88 students from the several school of Prizren municipality who voluntary participated in the study. We used the survey, which was conducted using face-to-face interviews in the school settings. Data were entered and analyzed by SPSS for windows.

While the study reveals that students' attitude to school is positive and most report feeling safe at school, 25 % of the children reported experiencing physical violence and only 2.3 % psychological violence at school during the past year. commonly violence breaks up among students of the same class (11.4 %); toward other students (29.5 %); toward the girls students (4.5 %) and toward male students (14.5); toward teachers (20.5 %). however adults in school settings are also cited for physical and psychological violence against children. generally the site for violence among students is the school play areas, the classes and/or on the way to and from school. The most common forms of violence at school are fist fights, shoving, and bullying.

The results are further evidence for the important message that schools must work in partnership with the family in the drive to reduce violence towards children and young people.

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