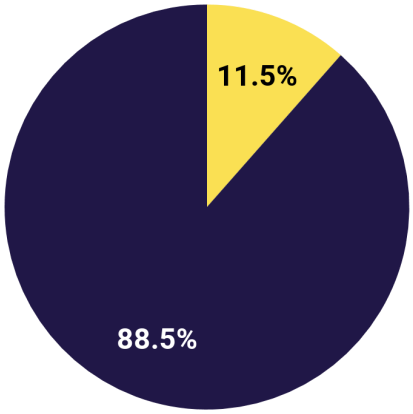
Burkina Faso

Rate: 11.5%

In 2010, 11.5% of ever-married women had experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their husband or partner.



National helpline: 116

The hotline offers advice, guidance, and referrals for women and children subjected to violence and anyone else who wishes to report cases of violence against women. The line is based in Ouagadougou but has relay advisers in the 45 provinces of Burkina Faso. It is available in French as well as several local languages.

Legal framework: Moderate

Law on Prevention, Punishment and Reparation of Violence against Women and Girls and Care for Victims (2015): The purpose of this law is to prevent, punish, and redress violence against women and girls, as well as to protect and care for the survivors. It applies to all forms of violence against women and girls, in particular physical, moral, psychological, sexual, economic, property, and cultural violence.

Penal Code (1996): Articles 411 & 417 criminalize sexual violence.