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London, February 21 (RHC)-- Over one in four women in the world have experienced domestic violence before they turn 50. That's according to a new study published by The Lancet medical journal, which compiled statistics on physical and sexual violence against women from the years 2000 to 2018.

Data was based on self-reported experiences, and authors warn the real scale of the crisis may be far worse, as many cases are not reported due to stigma and fear.

The COVID-19 pandemic likely exacerbated domestic violence, with women and girls often forced to stay home with their abusers without access to support services.

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