

# FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- **More than 87,000 people** were murdered across the world in 2017 and out of that, **58% were victims** of domestic violence.
- Even when a woman reports it, she would've been **attacked 35 times** before she went to the police.
- **Anyone can be a victim** of domestic violence. It doesn't spare any gender, race, or region.
- Domestic Violence or intimate partner violence is **abuse or aggression occurring in a romantic relationship**, where an intimate partner refers to current and former spouses or dating partners.
- It can vary in **how often it happens and how severe it is**.
- The violence could range from one episode of abuse that could have a **lasting impact** to chronic and severe attacks over several years.
- Intimate partner violence is **connected to other forms of violence**, severe health issues, and economic consequences.
- When intimate partner violence occurs in adolescence, it is known as **teen dating violence**.
- **Close to 16 million women and 11 million men** who reported experiencing physical violence, sexual abuse, and stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime said they first experienced forms of violence before they were 18.