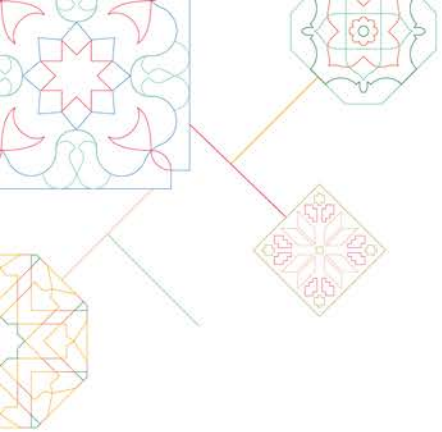


Violence in Public Spaces
International Men and Gender Equality
Survey (IMAGES)

Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Palestine

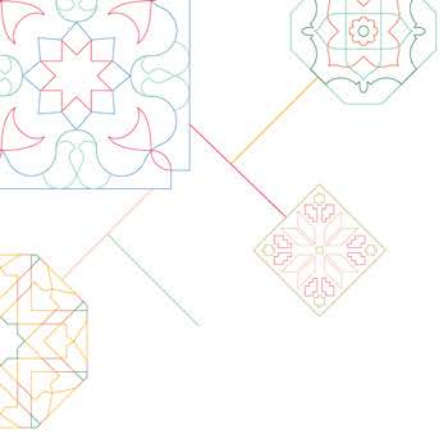
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Overview

- **COMPONENTS:** Representative HH surveys + qualitative research
- **TOPICS:** Attitudes, practices and childhood experiences related to gender equality, gender-based violence, caregiving, women's participation in public spaces, health
- **QUESTIONNAIRE:** Adapted for the region and for each country from the core IMAGES questionnaire; pre-tested and translated into local Arab versions (+French and other languages in Morocco)
- **DATA COLLECTED:** April 2016 – March 2017 using handheld computer devices (except Palestine)
- **FUNDERS:** UN Women, SIDA, US Institute of Peace, BUGIS (Netherlands), Arcus Foundation

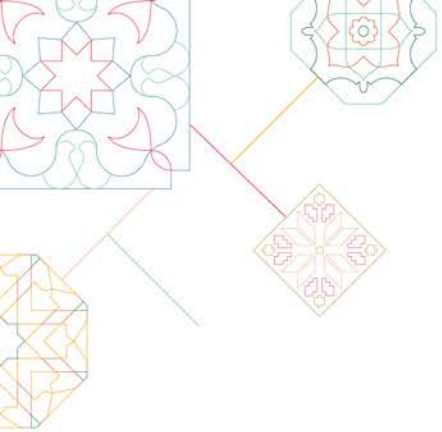


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Partners

- ✧ **Egypt:** AUC and El-Zanaty Associates
- ✧ **Lebanon:** ABAAD and La Sagesse University
- ✧ **Morocco:** CERED and Université Hassan II
- ✧ **Palestine:** Birzeit University

- ✧ **IRB approval in each country**
- ✧ **Formation of National Strategic Consultative Groups (SCGs)**



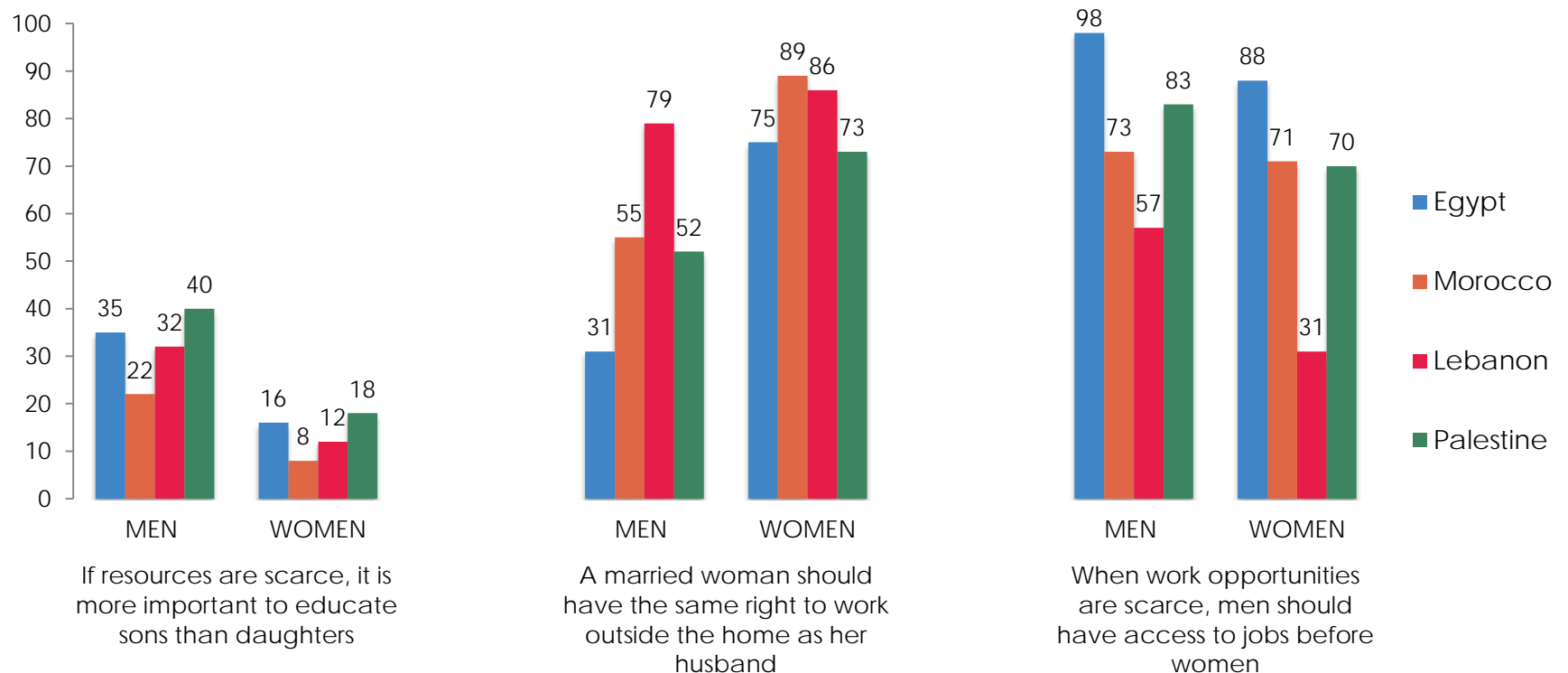
Sample: Who was surveyed?

Sample Size	Egypt	Morocco	Lebanon*	Palestine*
Men (18-59 years old)	1380	1200	1050	1200
Women (18-59 years old)	1402	1200	1136	1199
TOTAL	2782	2400	2186	2399
Response Rate	99.8%	89.6%	99.7%	~100%

*Nationally representative sample

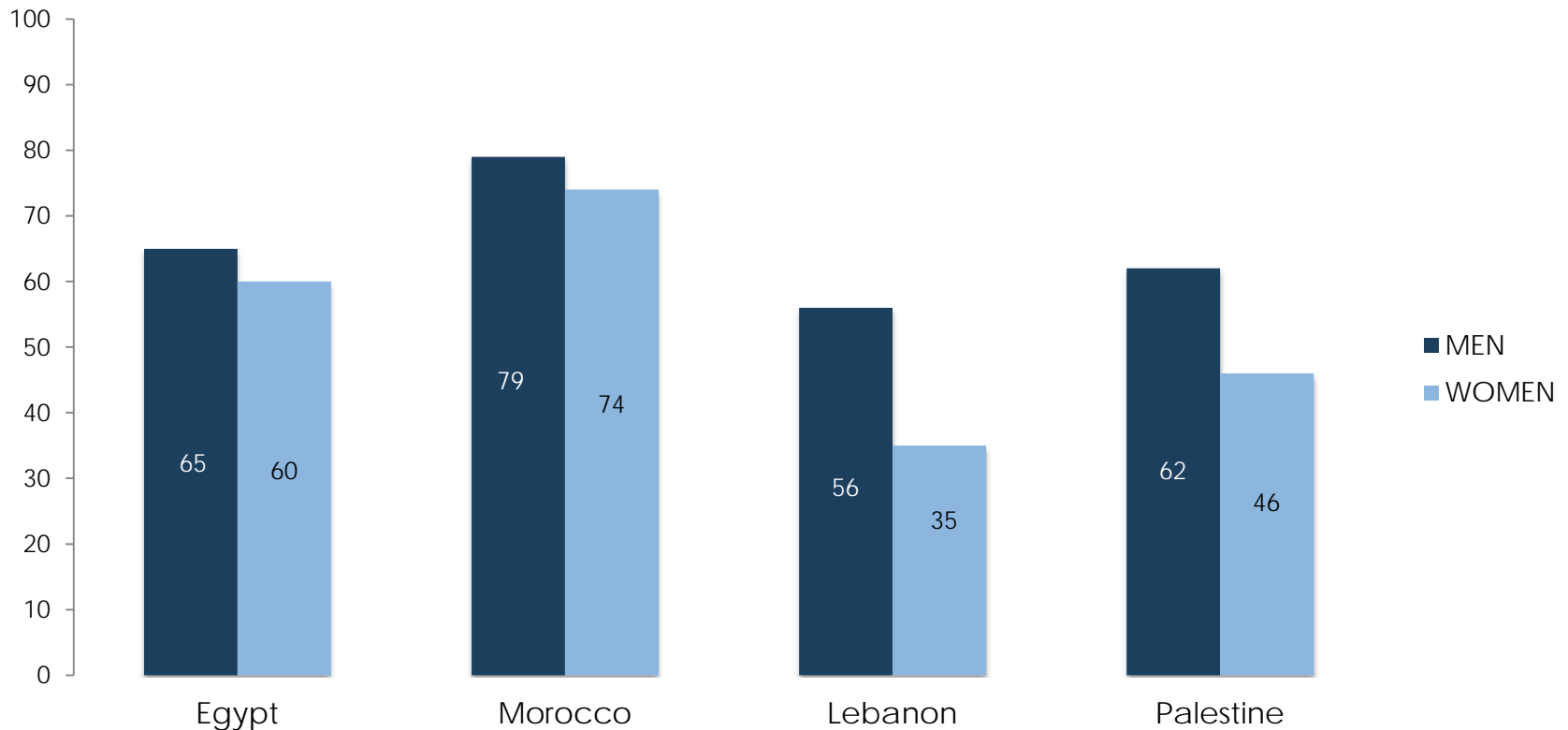
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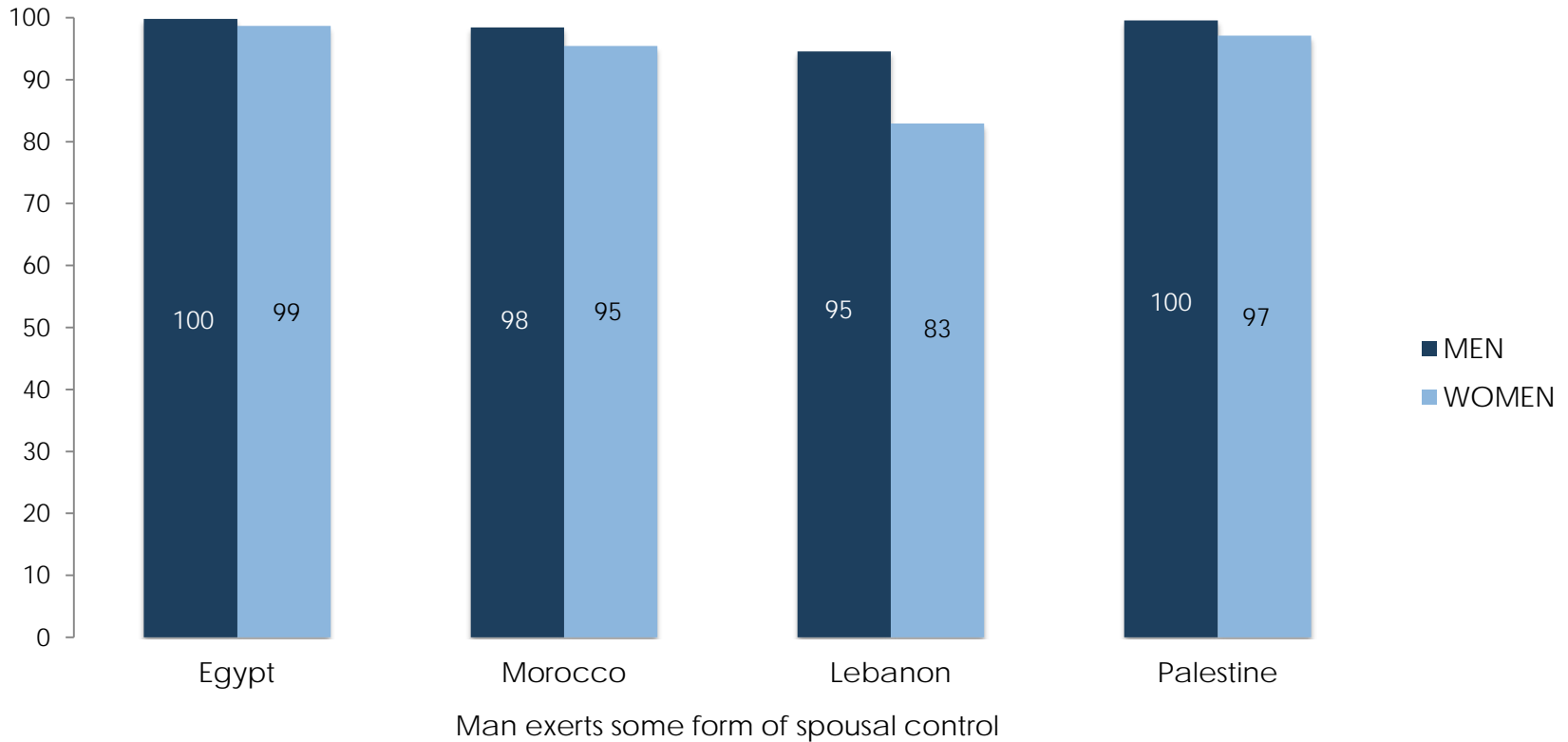
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Percentage of respondents aged 18 to 59 who experienced at least one of three acts of physical violence at home before the age of 18, IMAGES MENA 2016

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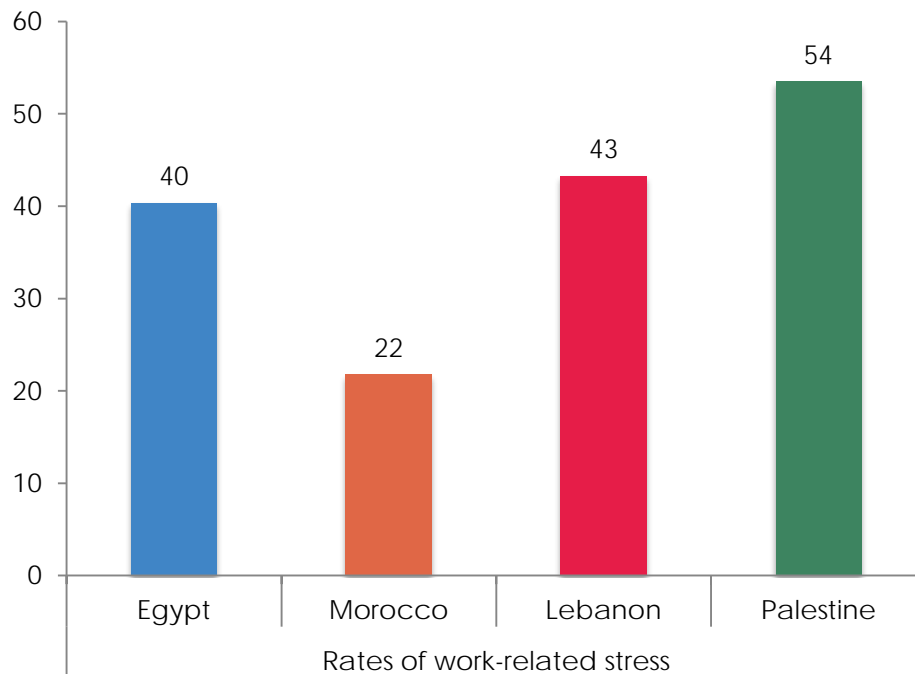
3) Men's control of women



Percentage of ever-married respondents who reported husband exerts at least one forms of control over relationship with his/her spouse, IMAGES MENA 2016

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3) Men's economic uncertainty

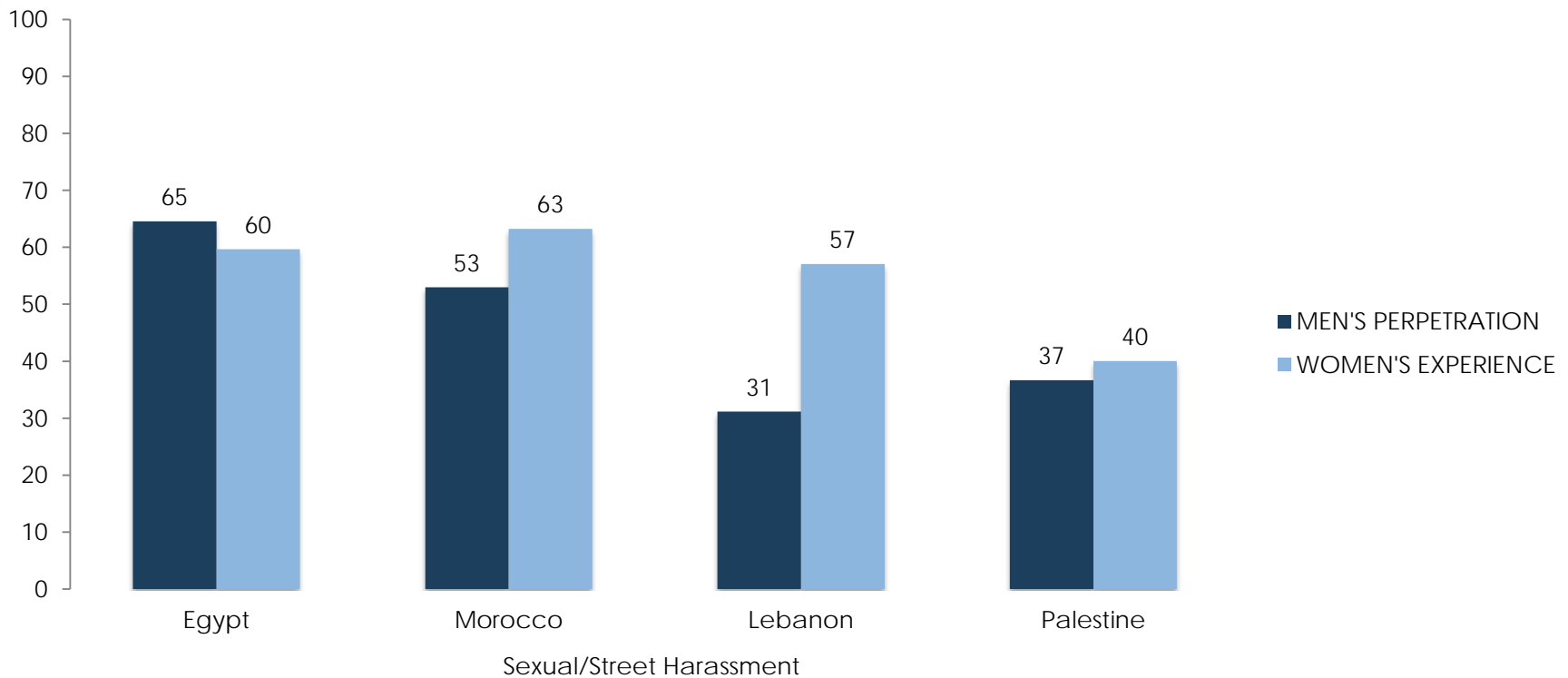


Work-stress composite includes the following questions:

- Frequently stressed or depressed because of lack of work or income
- Sometimes feels ashamed to face family because of lack of work or income
- Worries about providing family with daily necessities

Percentage of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with selected statements about his/her work and financial situation, IMAGES MENA

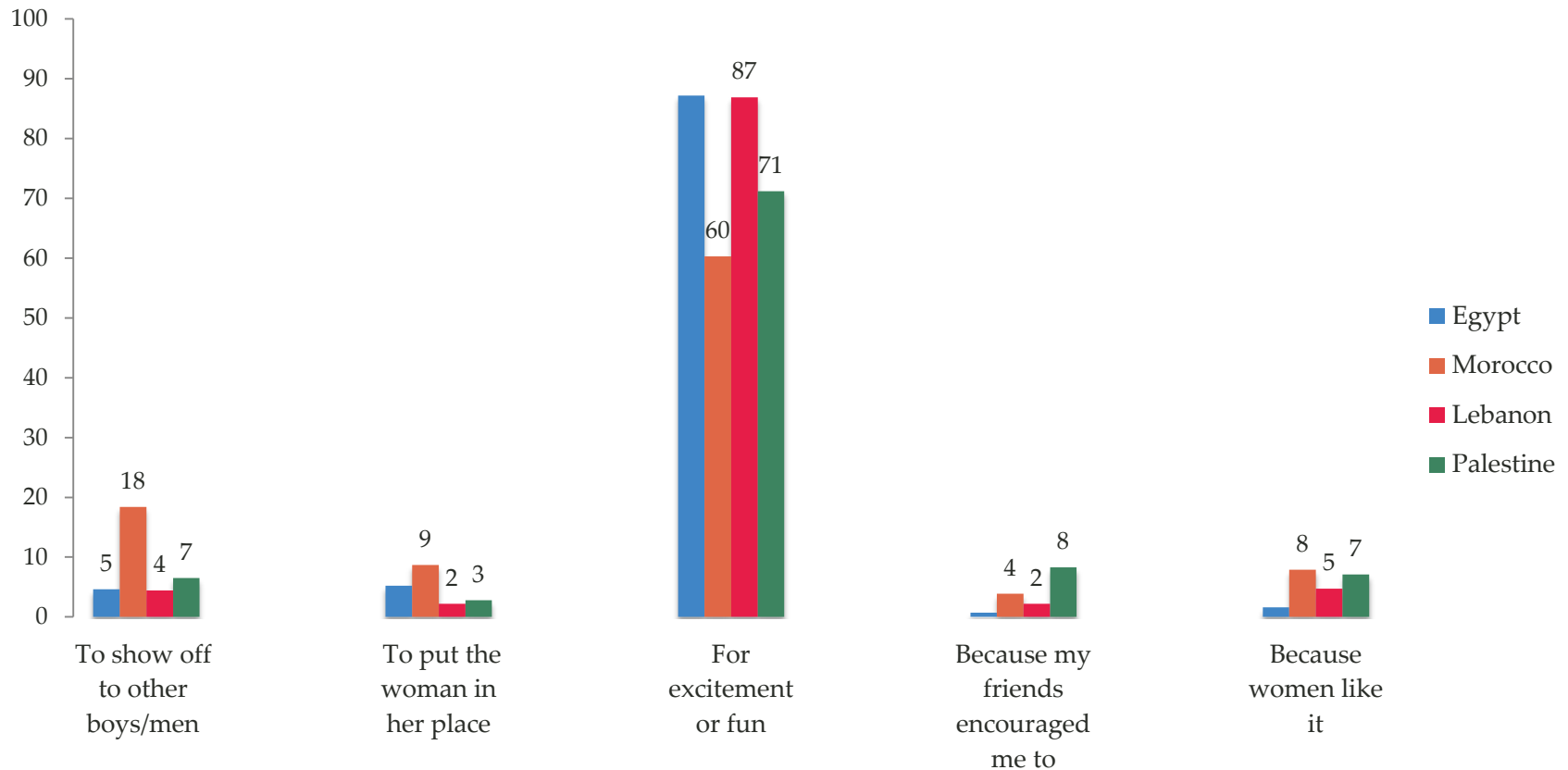
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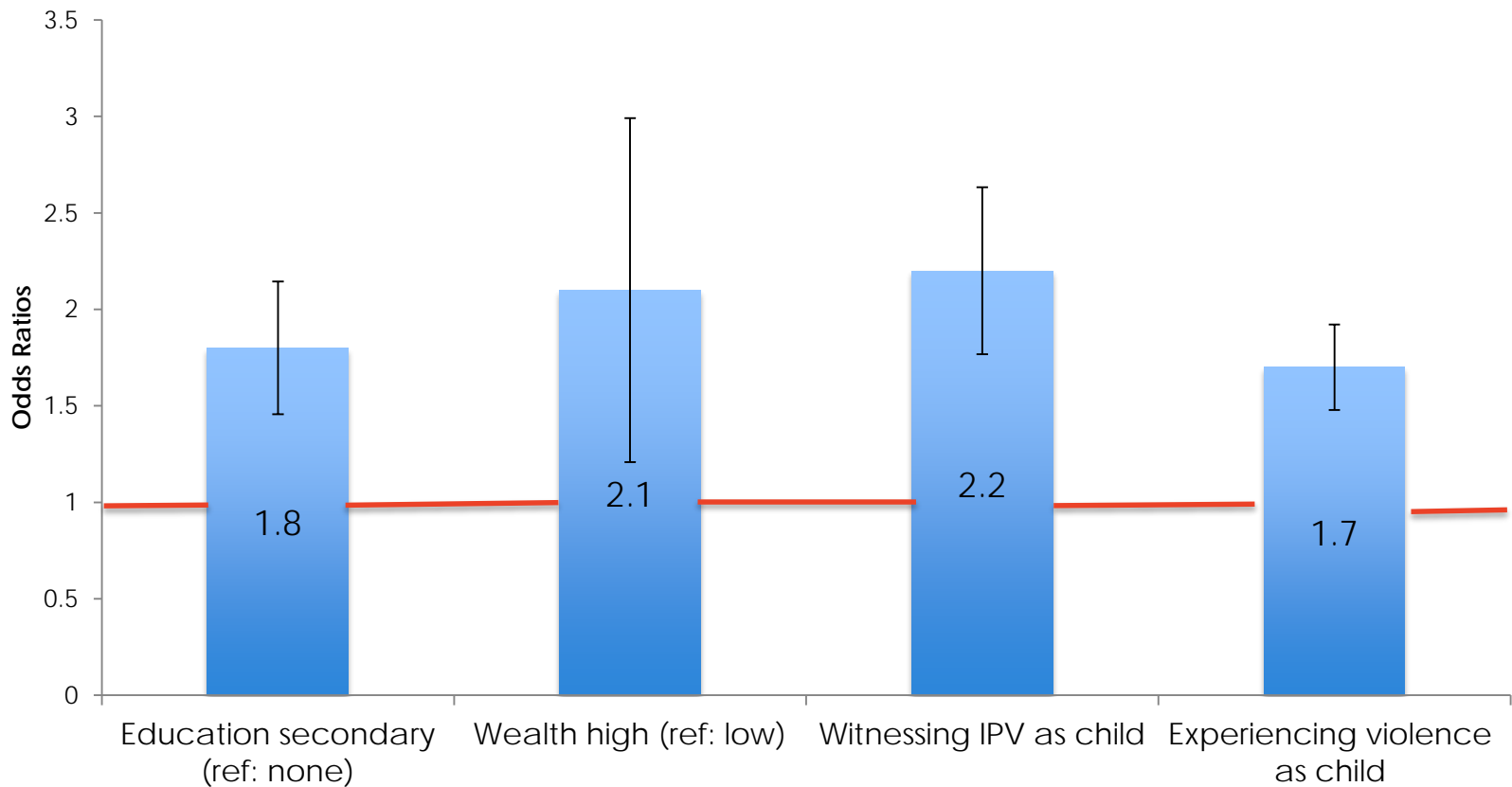
Percentage of men who have committed selected acts of sexual harassment/assault against women, and women who have experienced such acts in public spaces, lifetime rates, IMAGES MENA 2016

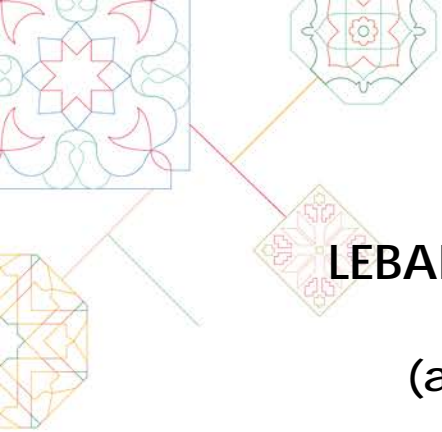
Boys Having Fun?

Self-reported motives for perpetrating street harassment

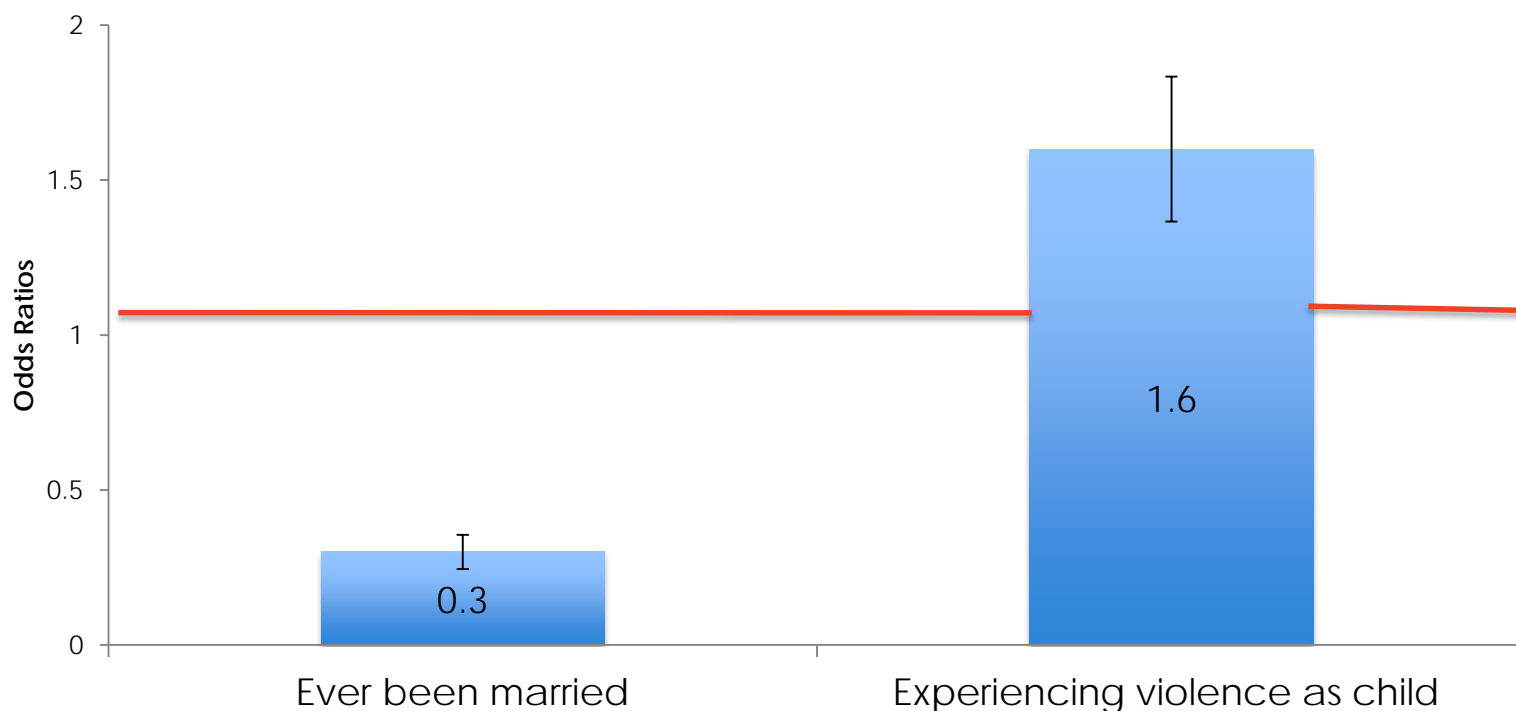


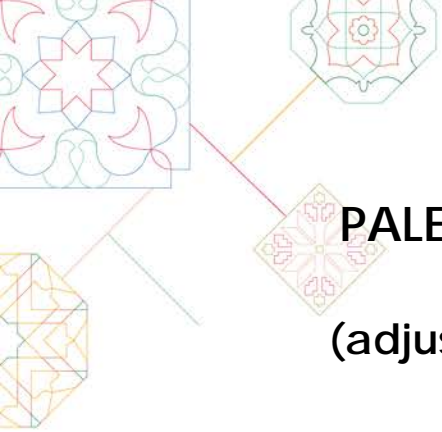
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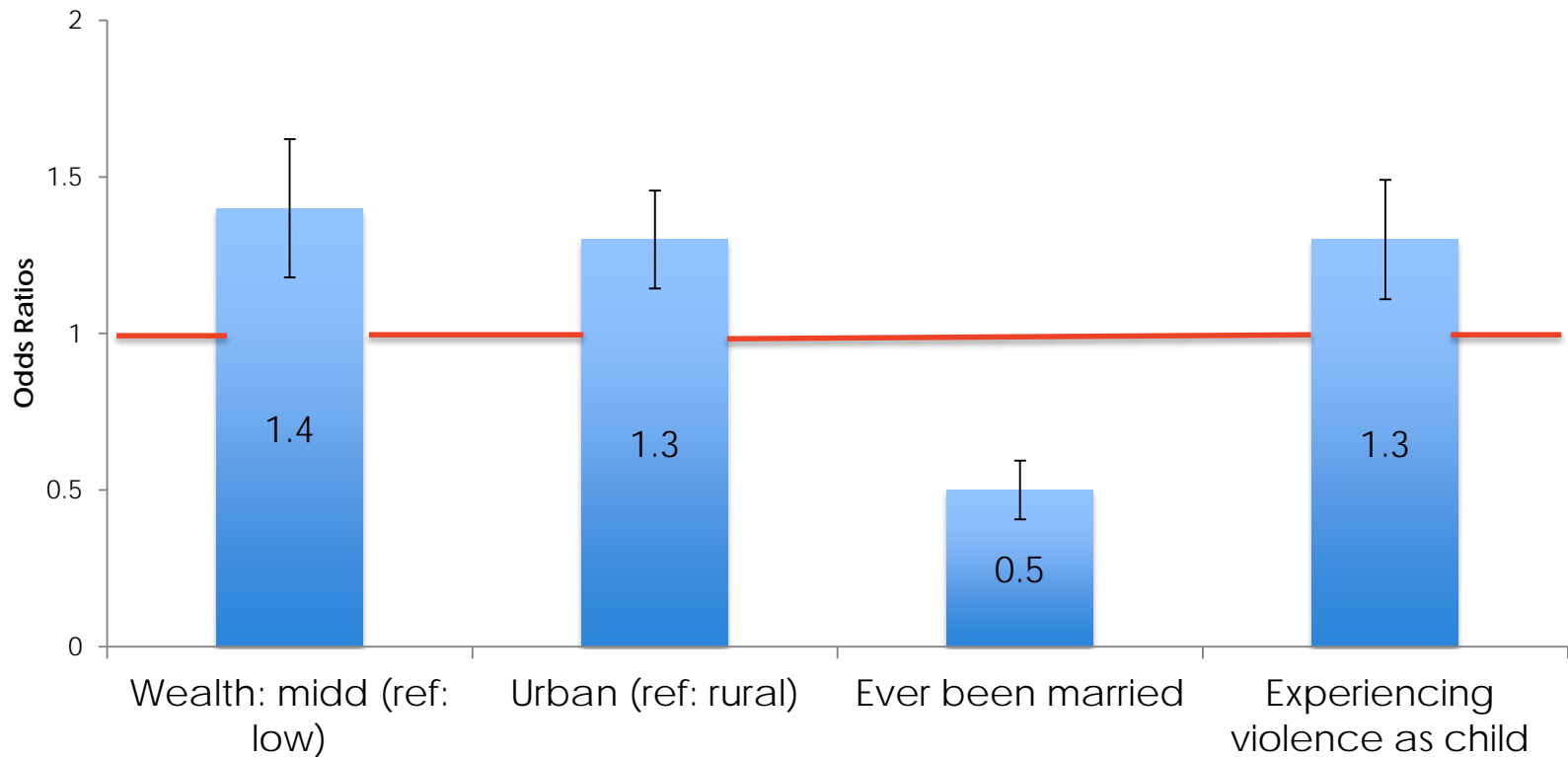


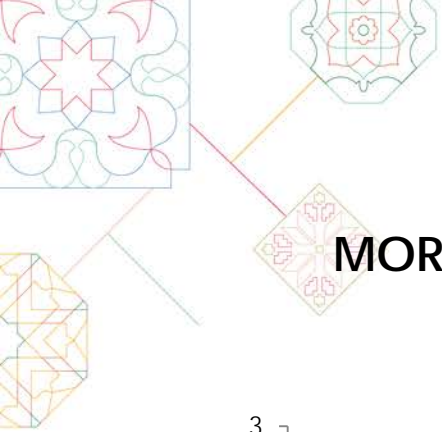
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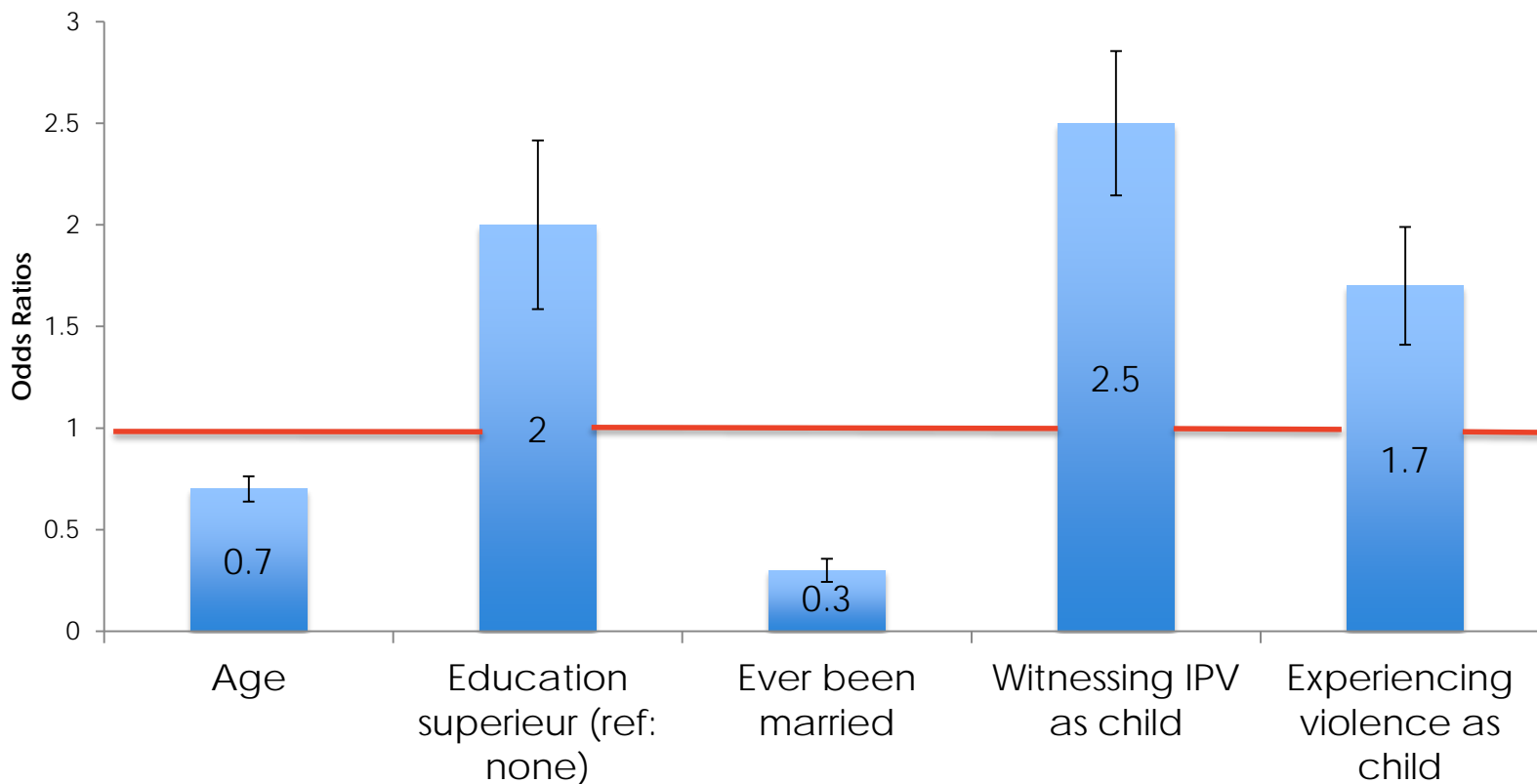


PALESTINE: Multivariate analysis - correlates of lifetime perpetration of sexual harassment (adjusted for age, education, and ever witnessing violence in the childhood home)





MOROCCO: Multivariate analysis - correlates of lifetime perpetration of sexual harassment (adjusted for wealth index and settlement type)





Summary of Factors Associated with Men's Street-Based Sexual Harassment:

- ✓ **Witnessing** and/or **experiencing** physical violence in childhood home all 4 countries
- ✓ **Primarily younger, unmarried men**
- ✓ **Men with secondary education and higher income (in 2 countries)**

HYPOTHESIS: *Frustration and entitlement among young men with some education, resistance by young men to women's empowerment, particularly in paid workforce*



Factors Associated with Women's Experiences of Street-based Harassment

(bivariate analysis)

- ✓ **More educated** women (all four countries)
- ✓ **Younger** women (all four countries)
- ✓ Women who **experienced physical abuse** in childhood home (all four countries)
- ✓ **Wealthier women** (Egypt, Lebanon)

Reflections

- A **generation** in flux? Younger women more equitable than their older peers, young men not so ...
- Pushing men from **theory to practice in gender equality**
- **Women's slowly increasing participation in the workforce** bringing resistance by some men, acceptance by others
- **Building on the local** stories and pathways to change – many women and men already believe the old models don't work
- A few interesting models for **prevention**: Harassmap, ABAAD
- **Challenges of carrying out policy advocacy** but some small successes
- **Time to move from denouncing to implementing** programs, changing policies?



“To be honest, it’s rare to find a real man; the man has lost his masculinity with these new laws that give more advantages and freedom to women.”

Man, in his 20s, student, Khémisset

“Honestly, the rhetoric on the rights of women, nothing like that exists. It’s only talk. In Moroccan families and households, we still live by tradition, we have a culture that can’t be remade in a moment. Even if a woman is educated, with a position, she worships the idea of masculinity and gravitates towards serving the man.”

Woman, 30 years old, family education teacher, Rabat

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