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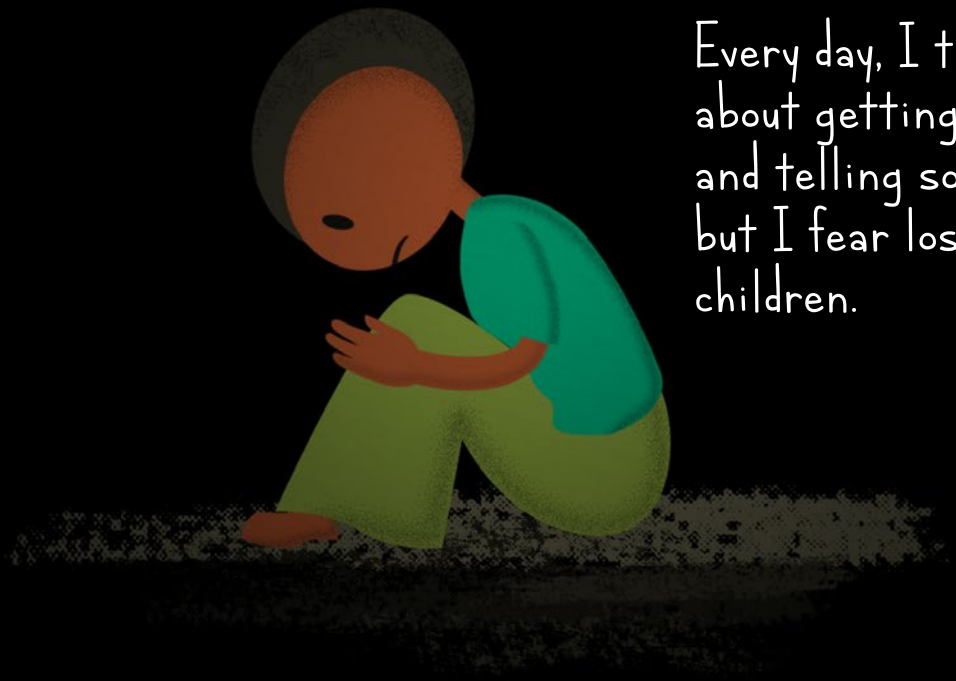
This is me.

I have 3 beautiful children
and love them very much.

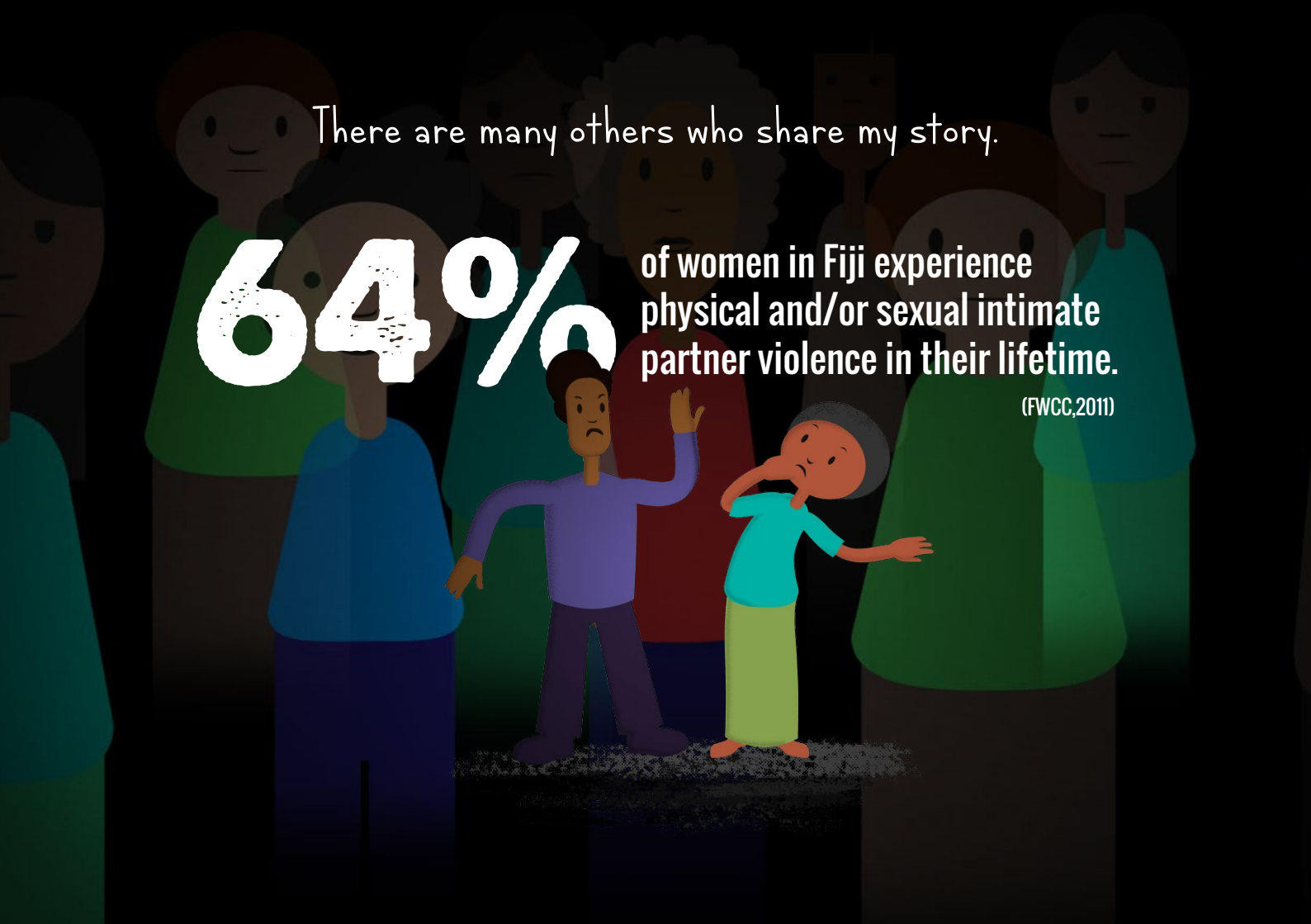
I work hard every day to provide for them. My husband makes more money than I do and helps support the family.

But I don't have a happy story.

My husband is violent and abusive.
He becomes angry and beats me whenever he's unhappy.


Every day, I think about getting help and telling someone but I fear losing my children.

This is my story.
Me. Her. Them. Us.


There are many others who share my story.
64%
of women in Fiji experience physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime.
(FWCC,2011)

According to a 2017 FWRM research report,
9 OUT OF 10
victims and survivors of violence in Fiji are women and girls

Violence against women and girls exist in many forms and is prevalent in
FIJI

Half of the women surveyed that accessed the police or court stated they wanted the violence to
STOP

Women sought help from family members, friends and people in their communities.

However women face difficulties in accessing the formal justice system because of lack of information.

10%

of the women surveyed for the research said they faced fear of stigma or physical attack if they reported the matter.

Most women don't report violence and for those that do, it takes them more than 2 years.

Why do women wait so long?

Women often fear losing access to their children, being alienated from their families and communities and losing economic support.

For these reasons most women live a life of trauma and continued violence, facing permanent injuries, with some even losing their lives.

What can we do?

If you know someone experiencing violence...

...encourage them to report
their matter to the police.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any one of these organisations:

Department of Social Welfare Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Domestic violence helpline: 1560

Child Help Line Fiji Free Call: 1325

Fiji Women's Crisis Centre

Mobile: 920 9470

Medical Services Pacific

Phone: 3630041/991 0894

Empower Pacific

Mobile: 5626

Email: headoffice@empowerpacific.com

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