



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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VIOLENCE

- Violence encompasses “physical, visual, verbal or sexual acts that are experienced by a woman or girl as threat, invasion, or assault and that have the effect of hurting her or degrading her and /or taking away her ability to control contact (intimate and otherwise) with another individual”



WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is defined in the law as certain criminal acts committed between persons of opposite sex who live together in the same household or who have lived together in the past; or persons who have a child in common or are expecting a child (regardless of whether they have resided in the same household); or persons related to one another in the following ways: spouse, child, grandparent, former spouse, brother, grandchild, parent, sister.





- **The criminal acts specifically defined in the law are: assault, criminal damage, custodial interference, endangerment, imprisonment, intimidation, kid-napping, trespass, disorderly conduct (by fighting, unreasonable noise, abuse language), or reckless display or discharge of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.**

TYPES OF VIOLENCE

Physical: pushing, grabbing, slapping, kicking, hitting with an object, use of knife or gun, acid throwing, burning.

Verbal: shouting, making threats, calling names, humiliating remarks (gestures).

Sexual: forcing intercourse, making her to do sexual things against her will.

Exercising control: Isolating her from her family/ friends checking on her, using the children, economic control.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Is pervasive and insidious.
- Is carried out in private domain.
- Is inflicted by an intimate partner or as the case may be.
- Continues over a period of time (chronic)
- Limits avenues of escape for the victim.



WHY IS VICTIMIZATION OF WOMEN SO COMMON

- Physically weak.
- Dependency status.
- Social tolerance of victimization.
- Little whom they associate with.
- Limited mobility



GNWT BUREAU of STATISTICS from 1998-2016

- All Violations 19,325
- All Criminal Code Violations (Including Traffic) 18,222
- All Criminal Code Violations (Excluding Traffic) 18,049
- Violent Criminal Code Violations 3,485
- Assault 2604
- Sexual Assault 176
- Sexual Violence Against Children 38
- Firearm use of and discharged, pointing 15
- Forcible confinement or kidnapping 21
- Making or Distribution of Child Pornography 2
- Child Pornography 7
- Impaired Driving DUI 663
- Total Drug Violations 382



PREVALENCE/ INCIDENCE OF INTIMATE VIOLENCE IN WEST

In the USA, the leading cause of women going to the emergency wards in hospitals is the wound they get due to domestic violence.

The number of women wounded this way is more than the total number of women wounded in car accidents, mugging and rape cases.



- In Russia, a formal declaration by the government stated that in 1994, 15,000 women died as a result of their spouse's violent behavior.



- In Papua New guinea, it was shown that 56% of women in urban areas were victims of domestic violence.

- In Canada, one in every 4 women are faced with sexual violence at one point in their lives and half of these women are exposed to sexual violence before the age of 16 .

SOME FACTS

- It is estimated that about one third of children who are abused or exposed to violence as children become violent themselves in later life.
- Boys are at increased risk to abuse an intimate partner in adult relationships if they were abused or witnessed abuse between parental figures.
- The sons of the most violent parents had a rate of wife abuse 100 times higher than the sons of the nonviolent parents.



- Girls are at increased risk to be abused by an intimate male in adulthood, if they witnessed abuse between parental figures in childhood.
- Early physical abuse is a strong predictive factor of criminal behavior in adulthood.
- 40-75% of children exposed to marital are estimated to be victims of physical child abuse also.
- Alcohol use is frequently associated with violence between intimate partners. It is estimated that in 45% of cases of IPV, men had been drinking, and in about 20% of cases, women had been drinking



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EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Anxiety
- Chronic depression
- Chronic pain
- Death
- Dehydration
- Dissociative states
- Drug and alcohol dependence
- Eating disorders
- Emotional "over-reactions" to stimuli
- General emotional numbing
- Health problems
- Malnutrition



- **Panic attacks**
- **Poor adherence to medical recommendations**
- **Repeated self-injury**
- **Self neglect**
- **Sexual dysfunction**
- **Sleep disorders**
- **Somatization disorders**
- **Strained family relationships**
- **Suicide attempts**
- **Inability to adequately respond to the needs of their children**



- In a 1999 study from Johns Hopkins, it was reported that abused women are at higher risk of miscarriages, stillbirths, and infant deaths, and are more likely to give birth to low birth weight children, a risk factor for neonatal and infant deaths.
- In addition, children of abused women were more likely to be malnourished and were more likely to have had a recent untreated case of diarrhea and less likely to have been immunized against childhood diseases.



**IT'S HARD TO STOP BECAUSE IT'S
HARD TO REPORT!!**



RECOMMENDATIONS

- **To improve the status of woman within society**
- **Changing perceptions**
- **Education**
- **Easy access to law and order**
- **Stigma related to violence**
- **Moral support of the victim**
- **Emergency management**



Our Experiences with Camps

- Alcohol (abuse, availability, resale)
- Domestic Violence (physical, mental)
- Family Breakups (long term relationships)
- Domestic Abuse (children, elders)
- Thefts (from camp and community)
- Disrespect for community bylaws (driving and parking anywhere, smoking outside bars in public)
- More variety of drugs suddenly appear. (Pills, powder)
- Stereotyping (they won't say anything, its okay with them)
- Interference (family routines, access to services, annual events)
- Disruptions to lifestyle. (quietness, noisier, time of season)